

Fowler plans on 'job search' for under-18s

Tories think again over cutting benefits

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Mr Norman Fowler, the new Secretary of State for Employment, is rethinking proposals that would have meant up to 100,000 young people were liable to lose welfare benefits if they did not accept work, training or further education.

The new Conservative Government may be about to soften its stand, which in the party election manifesto read: "We will take steps to ensure that those under 18 who deliberately choose to remain unemployed are not eligible for benefit".

Mr Fowler is now looking at an Australian idea that gives young people a "job search allowance" if they fail to take up options such as the Youth

Training Scheme (YTS) and are drawing benefits.

The idea would take the sting out of opposition against the previous plans, which were seen by Labour and the trade unions as ways of forcing young people off the unemployment register.

Mr Fowler's predecessor, Lord Young of Graffham, had said people would lose their benefit if they refused to join a

leaving school and qualifying for benefits without having to do anything.

Mr Fowler, speaking yesterday at the launch of a £2 million television advertising campaign aimed at boosting the image of the Youth Training Scheme, would not go into details about possible changes but said several schemes were being considered.

Immediately after reports were shown four 40-second advertisements, screened for the first time last night, Mr Fowler confirmed the Conservative view that young people who opt for the dole rather than training, education or a job, should not continue to receive social benefits.

"The worst start in life for someone leaving school is to go straight into a DHSS office to demand supplementary benefit. Training places are available and they should be taken up."

"We have seen 360,000 young people join the two-year YTS programme already and employers are responding magnificently. The training available is of the highest quality and matches anything else being done in Europe."

Mr Fowler said a highly trained workforce was essential to national prosperity.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the Manpower Services Commission (MSC), said that up to 30,000 young people refused to take part in any of the schemes and simply drew benefits.

A further 70,000 left schemes "for negative reasons" and did not take up jobs. These people, he said, were in a highly volatile age group and were in and out of work all the time.



Mr Fowler: Looking at Australian idea.

training scheme, take a job or undertake further education.

The Labour Government in Australia introduced a scheme in its Budget last month restructuring unemployment benefits. Under the scheme, due to come into force next year, unemployment benefits are to be abolished for those aged 16 and 17 unless they can prove they are looking for work. If they can prove they are actively searching for a job they are to be paid a "job search allowance" of \$425 (about £11).

A spokesman at the Australian High Commission in London said the scheme was being introduced to remove the incentive for young people to leave the education system. Previously, young people were

Sterling support by Bank

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound, shares and government stocks slumped yesterday, in spite of good news on the economy.

The Bank of England stepped in to support sterling, which fell below \$1.60 for the first time in three months. This was a reversal of the position immediately before the June 11 election, when the Bank had to intervene heavily to stop the pound from rising.

Dealers said that the pound was suffering from a surprise dollar recovery, and from fears of higher inflation in Britain. It fell by 1.8 cents to \$1.5980. The sterling index fell by 0.7 points to 71.8.

Sterling's weakness dragged down shares and government stocks, with worries that interest rates may have to rise. The FT 30 share index fell by 21.3 points to 1,737.0. Government stocks lost 1 1/2 points.

The Confederation of British Industry reported yesterday that industry's order books were at their best for 10 years. Details, page 23

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Tripes results

The Cambridge University Tripos examinations results published today include Law, Oriental Studies and Architecture. Page 12

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Less well-known than most of Britain's medical institutions, the National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases have a worldwide reputation for high standards. Special Report, pages 10, 11

Portfolio Gold

● The £4,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was won yesterday by Mrs M. Seabrook, of Empingham, Leicestershire. Details, page 3.
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Wimbledon crowd pays to watch the rain



Dampened spirits in the stands at Wimbledon yesterday as spectators wait for action on the court (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Hurd call to Owen wing of SDP to join the Tories

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, last night intervened in the debate over the future of the Alliance by calling on the Owenite wing of the SDP to join the Conservative Party.

Mr Hurd praised the "moral courage" and fresh thinking of those Social Democrats who had left the Labour Party and warned them against a merger with the Liberals, their Alliance partners.

He urged them to consider how much more common ground they shared with the Tories.

"There are many Social Democrats who would find greater intellectual vigour amongst Conservatives than having to endure a shotgun marriage with the Liberals", Mr Hurd told the Dulwich Conservative Association.

Joining the Conservatives might be painful but "less painful than falling prey to those Liberals who show more zeal for a takeover of the SDP than the most brazen of asset strippers".

Mr Hurd, a Tory moderate, did not mention Dr David Owen by name but was clearly directing his invitation primarily to the SDP leader who is the only member of the original "Gang of Four" opposing a merger with the Liberals.

The Home Secretary dismissed the Liberals as a party of permanent opposition.

opportunities whose skill lay in exploiting a grumble and snatching a by-election but incapable of building a convincing framework of policies.

Social Democrats had shown great moral courage in turning their backs on Labour's unilateralism, isolationism and worship of the state, and should now draw the right conclusions from that act.

Mr Hurd said: "We see a refreshed government concentrating hard on the quality of state education, the prevention of crime, the stimulation of jobs, the reform of municipal housing — all policies which will benefit above all those who are still discouraged in our society."

"When Social Democrats read the Queen's Speech on Thursday they should conclude that the Conservative Party is the place for a conservative non-socialist reformer."

Mr Hurd praised the "fresh and radical thinking" of a section of the SDP. "I do not belittle the differences which remain, nor should we underestimate the emotional wrench which such a move might involve. Nevertheless, for the coming months, I put forward the following suggestion to thoughtful and forward-thinking Social Democrats: join us."

'Fairy godparent' steps in to help Opren claimants

By Peter Evans and Mark Ellis

A mystery benefactor has come to the aid of hundreds of elderly people being forced to drop their claims for damages over the alleged side effects of the anti-arthritis drug Opren.

About 500 of the 1,500 claimants who could not get legal aid and were faced with a personal legal bill in excess of £3,000, following an Appeal Court ruling earlier this week, were giving up the fight.

For the benefactor to meet at least £3,000 costs for each of 500 non-legally aided claimants, the bill could be more than £1.5 million.

Mr Paul Getty, the multi-millionaire philanthropist, last night denied through a spokesman, suggestions that he was the anonymous benefactor.

By ordering that the costs of the litigation be borne equally by the 1,500 claimants, the High Court, in a decision upheld earlier this month by the Court of Appeal, effectively stopped the majority of claimants "riding on the backs" of a few carefully selected legally aided cases.

The name of the "Fairy Godparent", as Mr Justice Hirst called him, is expected to be disclosed next week. His existence was made known yesterday by Mr Justice Hirst, whose original order that the £3 million costs of the action should be shared equally between all claimants was upheld by the Appeal Court.

He said he had been notified of this "very recent development" on Friday by Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC for the claimants. He said solicitors had been instructed by a benefactor who was prepared to offer or provide very substantial sums of money to fund the actions of the non-legally aided plaintiffs.

The great bulk of the non-legally aided claimants were planning to drop their claims, but "the providential intervention of the Fairy Godparent, if I may so call him or her", said the judge, "has potentially revolutionized their position."

The judge allowed until the end of September for a proper scheme to be set up, through a trust or charity, to safeguard claimants' interests. He said the court-approved scheme should have proper safeguards similar to those provided by the Legal Aid Scheme which would ensure, for example, that a reasonable settlement, if offered, would not be rejected.

The judge said applications by any plaintiff who had already discontinued but wished to reinstate their actions, as a result of the intervention of the benefactor, would be considered.

Claims for damages are being defended by the drug's manufacturers Eli Lilly, its British subsidiary Dista Products, the Committee on Safety of Medicines and the DHSS.

Whitehall battle over rural policy

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr John MacGregor, the new Minister for Agriculture, yesterday fuelled a long-running Whitehall battle by trying to wrest responsibility for rural policy away from the Department of the Environment.

In a clear attempt to preempt the department, he unilaterally established his deputy, Mr John Gummer, as the new "Green" minister, giving him a brief covering countryside matters, environmental and conservation policy, diversification, pollution, and rural affairs.

Mr MacGregor told his first press conference since his appointment that he looked forward to "developing further" the rural employment, environmental and conservation aspects of his department's work.

In the last Government the "Green" minister title had been claimed by Mr William Waldegrave, the environment department minister who in the post-election reshuffle was promoted to take charge of housing and planning.

Mr Waldegrave frequently clashed with Mr Michael Jopling, about responsibility for rural policy.

That culminated in an embarrassing public disagreement last February over the bungled presentation of the most radical countryside re-

forms since the Second World War.

Mr Gummer is now on collision course with Lord Belstead, Mr Waldegrave's successor at the Department of the Environment, whose responsibilities also include environment protection and the countryside.

The environment departments last night said it was the "lead" department with "across-the-board responsibilities".

Mr MacGregor made it clear that his ministry wanted much wider control over rural matters.

He spoke of the possibilities for large numbers of non-agricultural small businesses to set up in rural areas and help local economies.

Speaking more generally, Mr MacGregor said that over-production of food could not continue and said that the alternative to decisive action was "a disorderly descent into chaos". He rejected the tag "Mac the Knife" which some farming papers had given him. He wanted to ensure value for taxpayers' money. At present the EEC was clearly not deploying public money as effectively, properly and sensibly as it might.

Support for agriculture would continue, but not on the current "unsustainable and unjustifiable" scale.

Interest soars in BAA share sale

The roadshow being staged around Britain to excite demand for shares in BAA, the former British Airports Authority, set out for Aberdeen yesterday, after the publication in London of the pathfinder prospectus for the government sale.

The reception for both appears guaranteed. Inquiries for details of the flotation, the latest in the Government's privatization programme, are running at record levels, with more than 500,000 already received.

The Government is selling its full holding of 500 million ordinary shares, expected to be valued at around £1.1 billion when a price is put on the shares next month. It will retain one special share, through which it can maintain control over the disposal of leading airports such as Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted.

The sale is structured to

appeal to both large and small investors. The minimum number of shares that can be applied for is 150, which at the offer price of around 220p being estimated in the City would cost £330, in two instalments. Small investors are being encouraged to maintain their holdings with the offer of one bonus share for every 10 held until July 1990.

Larger investors can also tender for shares. This is the first time a government sale has been arranged in this manner.

Launching the pathfinder prospectus yesterday, Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, said the privatization of BAA, following those of British Airways and Rolls-Royce, put the aviation industry firmly where it belongs — in the private sector.

The prospectus carries strong warnings against multiple applications.

Chun will meet chief opponent

From David Watts, Seoul

The South Korean Government last night announced plans for a meeting between President Chun Doo Hwan and one of his chief political antagonists.

President Chun is expected to meet Mr Kim Young Sam, president of the Reunification Democratic Party, in the next few days to try to work out a package of measures that would water down the President's political agenda, particularly his determination to hold back on political reform until after the Olympic Games in South Korea next year.

Police and students clashed in the early evening at Yonsei University and around the Catholic Cathedral in Seoul. Later police fired tear gas at worshippers and demonstrators outside a Protestant church. Hopes rise, page 9

Astaire, the star without an ounce of nostalgia

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Fred Astaire, the classiest act on and off screen in Hollywood died yesterday of pneumonia in hospital in Los Angeles. He was 88. His second wife, Robyn, who was 46 years his junior, was at his side.

Astaire had been in frail health recently. His only public appearances were made at the race track, where he owned a stable of thoroughbreds. His wife, whom he married in June 1980, was a former jockey.

For Americans, so often uncomfortable with sophistication and elegance, Fred Astaire epitomized both.

He danced his way into the hearts of millions of filmgoers over more than three decades in films such as *Flying*

Down to Rio, *Top Hat*, *Daddy Long Legs*, *Easter Parade*, *Silk Stockings* and *Royal Wedding*. His dancing partners included Leslie Caron, Rita Hayworth, Cyd Charisse, Judy Garland and his most constant, Ginger Rogers.

He was no glamour boy, no matinee idol, yet he played love scenes with

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some of the world's most glamorous women and made them completely believable. He made dancing look effortless but he took his work so seriously that he would rehearse himself and everyone else with him until he dropped.

When he gave up dancing, however,

he had absolutely no interest in the work he had done. There was not an ounce of nostalgia in him. "Nostalgia is just not my bag", he said a few years ago when MGM studios, where he made some of his greatest pictures, brought out *That's Entertainment*, which featured the films of Astaire and Gene Kelly.

At appearances to promote the film, Kelly would playfully essay a few steps. Astaire stoutly refused to budge. "He won't dance", Kelly said. "He doesn't want to be compared now to what he was then." He never looked at his films and he would not talk about them or the many leading ladies who had danced with him.

He had to be heavily persuaded to be involved in *That's Entertainment*

at all. He did it, he said, only because "Mr Kelly wanted to do it. MGM wanted to do it and I couldn't be the only reason it fell down."

"I'm glad people enjoyed it, but it didn't mean anything to me. I was a tap dancer then and that's passed. I don't do that anymore. You won't catch me with my feet in the sandbox again." He was less than thrilled also by the fact that MGM was about to make another fortune out of him.

"Let me tell you", he said, "they'll walk all over you if you let them. I don't own any of this picture, nor does Gene and neither does anyone else in it. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not bitter; that's just the way it is. But enough is enough."

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Warships to do longer service

The Ministry of Defence has decided to extend by eight years the life of many of the Royal Navy's destroyers and frigates with proposals for three refits during each ship's service. The new policy decision could mean that there will be less pressure on the Government to order two replacement warships each year to maintain the present fleet strength of "around 50".

At present destroyers and frigates are expected to yield 18 years' service with one big refit after nine years. The new policy allows a service life of 26 years.

Father spared

A judge ordered in the York Crown Court yesterday that a father who put up £12,000 for his son's bail need not pay a penny even though his son went on the run.

Mr Alfred Douglas Coleman, of Park View, Heavoe, Tyne and Wear, acted as surety for his son, David Coleman, charged with burglary a supermarket. He had spent 12 months fighting an order that he pay the full amount.

Whaling dispute

An attempt to tighten controls on permits to kill whales for research met with opposition at the International Whaling Commission conference in Bournemouth yesterday.

Five countries endorsed an American resolution reflecting concern that the international moratorium on killing whales for commercial purposes under the guise of scientific research is being flouted.

Probation fruitless

A teenager broke a probation order because he was asked to pretend to be fruit in a role-playing exercise, Huddersfield Crown Court was told yesterday.

Shaun Balmforth, aged 19, claimed he had no idea what to do when a day centre he attended in Halifax asked him to take part in the exercise. Balmforth, who was sentenced to two years' probation for burglary and theft, was ordered to do 140 days' community work.

Havers moves up

Lord Havers mopped the sweat off his brow and sighed as he sank into the humpy Woolpack yesterday as Lord Chancellor.

It had been a complex and fraught 12 minutes. First the former Attorney General took his seat on the barons' benches as Lord Havers, and then on the earls' benches as the Government's chief law officer. Only then could he move to the Woolpack.



Equerry appointed

The Duke and Duchess of York and Prince Edward have appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer of the Irish Guards as their private secretary and equerry.

Colonel O'Dwyer, aged 45, who is serving at Headquarters London District, takes up the appointment in August. He replaces Wing Commander Adam Wise.

Moderate miners in South Wales drive for £90m superpit

By Craig Seton

The moderate Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM) offered a deal yesterday to British Coal and disenchanted South Wales miners to ensure that a new £90 million superpit is built at Margam, West Glamorgan.

The UDM leaders said they were ready to "unite" the 800-strong workforce at the Margam pit, which British Coal has warned would not go ahead if the left-dominated National Union of Mine Workers (NUM) refused to allow it to be operated on a six-day working week.

The UDM believes that it can recruit members from among South Wales miners who fear that the NUM leadership's position jeopardizes the chance of creating jobs.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, has led the opposition to a six-day working week, although leaders of the NUM's 20,000 South Wales members have said they are prepared to accept such working arrangements.

However the NUM's annual conference in two weeks

is expected to overrule South Wales objections and reiterate the union's opposition.

Mr David Prendergast, a founder member of the UDM and a leading member of its executive, said at the union's annual conference in Westmouth yesterday that if that happened, the UDM would start talks with British Coal on a six-day working week at Margam and other pits to make sure the new colliery went ahead.

He said: "We are not prepared to see those jobs go down the drain. If Arthur Scargill gets his way, there will be no Margam. He may be prepared to see it go by the board, but the UDM is not."

"Provided it will not prejudice existing arrangements, we are prepared to sit down with British Coal where major developments are being considered and listen to their proposals."

Mr Prendergast, the UDM's Nottinghamshire finance officer, said: "We will, if necessary, unite that pit to ensure that it opens up. We are prepared to enter into arrange-

ments to represent people in that coal field."

Earlier, Mr John Littrott, the UDM's general secretary, said: "There is the possibility that if the NUM turns the Margam proposals down, Welsh miners would want to align themselves with us. That is something we are prepared to discuss with them."

Only a handful of the UDM's 27,000 members are based in South Wales. But Mr Littrott said NUM members were becoming increasingly disenchanted with Mr Scargill's hard-line leadership.

Mr Roy Lynk, the UDM's national president, told the 100 delegates that the union should embark on a sustained recruitment campaign to realize its ambition of becoming the major coal industry union.

In his presidential address, he again attacked Labour's refusal to recognize the union and refused to rule out the possibility that the UDM could support Conservative candidates when it sets up a political fund for the first time later this year.

Coal contracts, page 25

Marketing firm to boost union image

Britain's second highest trade union is hoping that aggressive marketing can overcome its poor public image (Tim Jones writes).

The £39,920-strong General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union is hiring a leading public relations company to improve the image created during the "winter of discontent" when its members helped to bring down a government of its own choosing.

The Jenkins Group, which has been chosen for the task, is best known as consultants on interior design.

Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the union, said: "Instead of being portrayed in conflict and always miserable, we want to be seen as strong,

warm, friendly, modern and working together for our people."

He said: "For too long we have kept quiet and allowed other people to pin labels on us. They always spend too much time talking about major disputes and forget about the tens of thousands of times when trade unions help with advice, guidance and support, and bring a little dignity to people at work."

Mr Edmonds told the union's annual conference in London that defence would not win the next general election for Labour. "The Labour movement needs to be attractive, to look outward, project outside, cast aside old fashioned ideas and talk in a modern voice to the people of Britain", he said.

NUT to check on job vetting

Education authorities will be checked today to discover the extent of police vetting of applicants for teaching jobs.

The move, by the National Union of Teachers, comes after the dispute over Surrey council's decision to investigate all criminal convictions of those applying for posts involving contact with children. Applicants will have to sign a consent form which allows the council to check records with police. If they refuse, they are rejected.

Mr Doug McAvoy, NUT deputy general secretary, said that union regional officers will be questioning other education authorities today to find out how widespread the practice has become.



Miss Joanna Saunders and her brother James helping in the move yesterday (Photograph: Stuart Nicol).

Saunders family are on the move

By Barbara Day

George the teddy bear looked as if he had seen rather better days as he was loaded into the van in the rain. The same might be said of the family to whom he belongs, headed by Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman of Guinness.

The two eldest Saunders children, Joanna, aged 22, a philosophy student at Exeter University and James, aged 21, a law student at Cambridge, were helping to load the family possessions to be put into storage.

Their magnificent £500,000 country home, the eighteenth century Knoll House, which is set in four acres of grounds in Penn, Buckinghamshire, had been sold "for financial reasons", and they were going to stay with friends in London

until a more permanent residence could be arranged.

Miss Saunders was adamant: "We couldn't possibly put George into storage". So the bedraggled mascot, which her mother had owned since childhood, did not join the furniture in the removal van parked on the drive.

After five years at The Knoll, moving out was not easy. Miss Saunders was keeping a smile on her face but she admitted: "It is a very, very sad day for us today".

Permission for the sale of the house had been given by a High Court Judge last month. Half the proceeds will go to Mr Saunders's wife, Carole, and the rest will be frozen with other assets.

Harrods bombing suspect named

By Richard Ford

Detectives in Northern Ireland want to question an alleged terrorist named yesterday as a suspect in the planting of the car bomb outside Harrods department store in London, which killed six people.

John Gerrard Joseph Connolly, aged 29, is believed to be living with his wife in the Irish Republic, having left his haunts in Belfast almost four years ago.

Mr Connolly, from the Springfield Road area of Belfast, is known to RUC Special Branch officers who want to question him about terrorist offences.

He was identified yesterday by the *London Daily News* as being a suspect in the Provisional IRA car bomb attack outside Harrods in December 1983.

No one has been charged with the bombing which republican sources in Belfast claimed had not been authorized by the Provos' army council.

The hostility of public opinion after the attack led one member of Provisional Sinn Féin to say that years of hard work cultivating sympathetic backbench Labour MPs had been destroyed.

Two men were almost caught during an extensive surveillance operation in 1984 when a Provo quartermaster, Natalino Vella, and Paul Kavanagh were followed to the Midlands.

Vella is serving a prison sentence for possessing weapons. He had been sent from Dublin to Britain to tell Kavanagh and the other men to return to the republic and explain to the army council the reason for bombing Harrods.

Mr Connolly is said to have served a five-year prison sentence imposed in 1977 for explosives offences and membership of the Provisional IRA and to have been named by an informer in 1981 who later retracted his allegations.

Last night neither Scotland Yard nor the Republican Press Centre in West Belfast would comment on the allegations.

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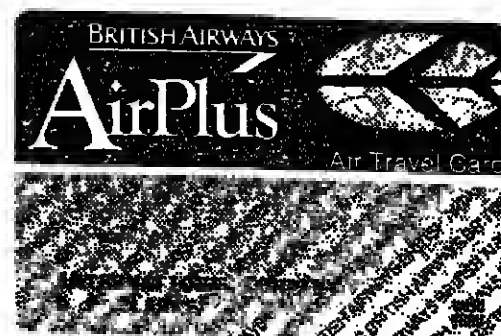
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Health chief wages war on government tobacco policies

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The new chief executive of the Health Education Authority attacked the tobacco industry yesterday and called for a three-year national strategy against smoking.

Dr Spencer Haggard, recently appointed as head of the authority, which replaced the Health Education Council last April, criticized Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for not raising duty on cigarettes in the Budget and the Government for not banning tobacco advertising.

He accused the tobacco industry of "trying to make lifelong addicts of people as early in life as the law allows". Speaking at the launch of a report on premature death in Lewisham and Southwark health authority area, Dr Haggard made it clear that he would challenge the Government's policy on smoking.

"Tobacco is a highly addictive evil. Much more needs to be done to stamp out this evil trade and to make our voices heard by whoever is Chancellor of the Exchequer on the eve of the next election so that we don't have another failure to raise excise duty."

Dr Haggard said tobacco taxes should be raised substantially above inflation, so

that by 1990 cigarettes would be too expensive for the public.

Tax excise duty on tobacco should be taken out of the retail price index as part of a national anti-tobacco strategy.

All tobacco advertising and the industry's sponsorship for sporting events should be banned, Dr Haggard said.

At the same time there should be greater efforts to help people stop smoking and to expand education programmes in schools.

"The aim would be to introduce a staggered increase in tobacco prices to above the price-elasticity factor for cigarettes by 1990."

Dr Haggard's warning that one to four smokers died prematurely was taken up in the health authority report which emphasized that smoking was responsible for most deaths from lung cancer and heart disease.

The report, by Dr Andrew Stevens from the department of community medicine for the Lewisham and Southwark health authority area, shows the number of years of life lost in the 10 main categories of illness causing death before the age of 75.

Although 948 people died from coronary heart disease in 1985, nearly 4,700 years of life were lost, mostly from middle-aged men. Similarly 2,200 years were lost from people dying prematurely from lung cancer and a further 1,200 and 1,100 for strokes and suicides respectively.

Although the district had 11 cases of Aids by 1985, the report predicts that within seven years, Aids will overtake all diseases in terms of the number of years lost.

Dr Haggard said the district suffered unreasonable high levels of unemployment and deprivation. One in 20 households did not have the exclusive use of a toilet and 2,500 people were homeless and rootless. That was not the norm for a civilized society, he said.

"Fifteen thousand years of life are lost to the main killers in this district alone", Dr Haggard said.

"People are dying before their time. All sections of society need to work together to achieve the World Health Organization targets for better health by the year 2000."

Dr Haggard called on the Government to introduce new policy initiatives on poverty, unemployment and housing. "There is a need for a much clearer lead on food policy from central government and for excise duty on tobacco and alcohol to be keyed into our targets for health."

He also urged health authorities to have the courage to shift the balance of their resources from the high technology of patching up damaged humans to the more productive strategy of patching up damaged prevention.

"Your report illustrates the human tragedy of lives lost through ignorance, poverty, addiction, carelessness, commercial exploitation and demonstrates the humanitarian necessity of switching attention increasingly towards health promotion."

Dying before our time (Department of Community Medicine, Lewisham and Southwark Health Authority, Mary Sheridan, 11 St Thomas Street, London SE1 9RY; free).

Union pledges tougher fight for health funds

One of the largest health service unions, the Confederation of Health Service Employees, yesterday pledged to increase its campaign for improved NHS, after the Conservative Government's return to power. (Our Social Services Correspondent writes).

Mr Cyril Ambler, Colne's president, said he had witnessed a deterioration in the National Health Service which was "virtually indescribable".

Mr Ambler who joined the union in 1947 as the NHS was being formed said that there was now chronic

underfunding, higher workloads, closed wards, and privatization.

"Our task has been to defend the health service from the misery and injustice the Tories have heaped upon both patients and staff in the last eight years. That task is now more vital than ever."

He urged staff to speak out about unnecessary suffering, the indignity and the tragedies created everyday by cutbacks in health services.

"If we do not stand up for our services now we will find nothing left to defend", he said.

Palumbo's new plan confuses

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

Confusion reigned last night over Mr Peter Palumbo's latest attempt to demolish a group of listed buildings at Mansion House, in the City of London, and replace them with a new building designed by Mr James Stirling, the architect.

The City of London planning committee meets today to decide whether it should go ahead.

Mr Palumbo's previous scheme for the site, designed by the late Miles van der Rube, was criticized by the Prince of Wales in 1984 as looking like "a giant glass stump better suited to downtown Chicago than to the City of London".

It was refused planning permission a year later after a lengthy and costly public inquiry.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, the then Secretary of State for the Environment, left the way open, however, for the listed buildings to be demolished if any other plan was of sufficient architectural merit.

The confusion is over an official report being submitted to today's meeting, which recommends approval of the new plan which would require the demolition of the Mappin & Webb building and other listed buildings on the site.

Last Friday Mr Robert Vigers, chairman of the London Advisory Committee of English Heritage, the statutory body responsible for listed buildings, wrote to Mr Michael Cassidy, chairman of the planning committee, and all its members individually to point out that it had officially opposed the plan, not supported it as stated in the planning committee's report.

English Heritage is upset that it has been misrepresented and also that the plan was never formally referred to it. If the plan is approved then English Heritage is likely to refuse permission again for demolition of the Mappin & Webb building, forcing an appeal and possibly another public inquiry.

Any decision taken today to go ahead with the scheme could still be overturned by the City's Court of Common Council when it meets on July 16.

Mr Palumbo, however, is reported to be willing to go to appeal again if necessary.

More arrests likely in cocaine swoop

By David Sapsted

Customs officers involved in the record cocaine haul in Harley Street, central London, were confident last night that the seizure would lead to further arrests in what could be one of Europe's biggest drugs rings.

Customs and Excise said that the operation had reached its "most sensitive" stage after the seizure of more than 50 kilos of cocaine, valued at £9 million, in a rented holiday apartment.

Customs officers refused to give any details of the investigation which led to the arrest of at least two men, neither of them British, in a £500-a-week flat at the Cavendish Executive Apartments at 65 Harley Street on Sunday.

The entrance to the six-storey block remained locked yesterday. It was believed that the two arrested men, both said to have North American accents, moved into the flat in April.

Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office with responsibility for drugs, hailed the seizure as an important success in the battle against "this pernicious and destructive drug". He said that it was a vindication of the Government's decision to increase Customs and Excise anti-drugs squads.

Mr Hogg said: "We are smashing a number of drug rings, but it would be foolish of me to say we are eradicating the drug problem because it is a huge problem."

Those still in custody, awaiting the decision of a Malaga judge on whether they are to be charged or released, included Mr Brian Doran, aged 42, of Stirling, Scotland, who left Britain while on bail awaiting trial for an alleged offence involving cocaine.

Mr Frank Hindley, aged 44, and Miss Marian Joughon, aged 26, were released because of lack of evidence.

The association is pressing for a 12-month stay of execution on the redundancies in the light of the result of the census which showed members were unhappy with the handling of the affair by nearly two to one, he said.

Media attention was frowned upon by the teachers but one professor, who asked not

to be named, said yesterday: "It seems clear that those who are going have been victimized. Those who have complained to the governors in the past are those who are going."

The ballot result is quite extraordinary for the academy. It is not like the London School of Economics, it is extremely sedate and people rarely express dissent because they believe things will be done in a gentlemanly way."

Kent Opera wins hope of reprieve

Kent Opera could win its fight for survival when the Arts Council meets tomorrow, sources inside the council

disclosed last night (Ruth Gledhill writes). The beleaguered regional company, which has conducted an intensive lobbying campaign since it was threatened with the withdrawal of its Arts Council grant in April, has won the support of key members of the council.

But other members gave a warning that to save Kent would be a short-term solution to a long-term funding crisis which is threatening the output levels of the entire regional opera network.

Kent Opera, England's first regional opera company founded in 1969 by the artistic director, Mr Norman Platt, was threatened with closure when the Arts Council Touring Board recommended the



The steam locomotive Sir Nigel Gresley leaving Marylebone Station, central London, yesterday with 10 coaches displaying the latest in coal-burning technology. Its journey, taking it to Nottingham today, to Leeds tomorrow and to Glasgow on Thursday, is intended to tempt industrial users back to coal. The train will also call at Edinburgh, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff and Reading during its two-week trip (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

BBC and Saatchi in settlement

By Paul Valley

A compromise has been reached by the BBC and the Conservative Party's advertising agency Saatchi and Saatchi over an alleged libel on the *Panorama* programme.

The advertising agency had issued a writ against the current affairs programme over remarks which disclosed that Saatchi's advice to the Prime Minister had been ousted by that of a rival ad-man in the closing stages of the election campaign.

The agency claimed that *Panorama* had implied that it had been dropped entirely as the Conservative Party's advertising agency.

Now the BBC has agreed to pay £1,000 to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the charity named by Saatchi. But it declined to pay the legal costs of the agency and has agreed to broadcast only a clarification of its allegation rather than an apology.

Yesterday both sides were claiming a victory. The agency said in a statement: "Following the writ for libel from the company, the BBC has agreed to pay a sum of damages and to issue a correction."

At Television Centre the payment was being described as a token one and the outcome dubbed "collapse of stout Saatchi".

The significance of the issue is felt to be the BBC's decision to compromise rather than face any possible repetition of the action brought by two Conservative MPs, Mr Neil Hamilton and Mr Gerald Howarth, who were awarded £250,000 in damages and costs after an earlier *Panorama* programme.

"With all the Tehbit pressure on the BBC there has been a certain loss of nerve. Once we would have fought a thing like this on principle but now we would now rather wriggle out of it quietly", one BBC executive said.

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glass, which caused cuts to a teenage girl's mouth. The other was a carton of grapefruit juice containing the weedkiller paraquat.

Both bore a red typewritten warning label. The buyer of the fruit juice saw the label and did not drink any.

Safeway confirmed that only two items, one of cottage cheese and another of yoghurt, are now being sought.

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Arranged marriage threat

Father plotted girl's kidnap

A businessman hired four men to kidnap his daughter off the street so he could fly her home to India and force her into an arranged marriage. Exeter Crown Court was told yesterday.

But the plan went wrong when a passer-by saw the screaming girl struggling to escape and went to her rescue.

The court was told how Kunju Raveendran, a Hindu, plotted to kidnap his daughter after learning of her affair with a Pakistani Muslim.

Raveendran, aged 52, a garage owner, of Charles Street, Cowley, Oxford, Philip Best, aged 35, of Caineborough Way, Yeovil, and Ronald Clarke, aged 37, of Eastville, Yeovil, admitted conspiracy to kidnap Miss Suryakala Raveendran, aged 22.

Christopher Cornish, aged 26, of Maple Drive, Yeovil, and Dermot Rickerby, aged 38, of Grass Royal, Yeovil, deny the same charge.

Mr Francis Gilbert, for the prosecution, said Raveendran hired Mr Best to kidnap his daughter, who had fled to a

battered wives' hostel in Barnstaple, north Devon.

He said: "Had they succeeded in kidnapping the girl she would probably have been taken to India in order to force her into an arranged marriage against her will."

"The girl, known as Kala, had been living with her family in Oxford. Her father had found out that she was having an affair with a 21-year-old Muslim called Mustapha Halid."

"Attempts were made by

both their parents to stop the two young people seeing each other. They tried to stop the relationship and Kala ran away to Barnstaple."

Mr Gilbert said that after discovering her new address her father sold his business, moved back to India, and returned to Britain to arrange her kidnap.

Best hired three men to seize her as she walked from the hostel in Bear Street, Barnstaple, to the social security office near by to claim benefits.

He said Clarke and Mr Cornish recognized her from a photograph and jumped out of a car to grab her, while Mr Rickerby drove the car. She screamed and struggled as they tried to wrestle her into the car but was rescued by Mrs Beryl Kemp, aged 55.

Mr Gilbert said: "Mrs Kemp got out of a passing car, ran across the road, and grabbed the girl by the waist as she was being pulled in, and there was a bit of a struggle."

"Fortunately for Kala she succeeded and managed to pull the girl out of the car."

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Boy is cleared of hammer murder

By Peter Davenport

A boy aged 13 who was convicted with an older man of killing a crippled woman was cleared of murder by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The conviction against William Waugh, who was 11 at the time of the murder on Guy Fawkes night 1985, was quashed as "unsafe and unsatisfactory".

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, told the court in London yesterday that he and his two fellow judges felt there was "reasonable cause" about the safety of the conviction.

The boy was allowed to be named by the court after an application from the local Press but he was not present during yesterday's hearing.

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glass, which caused cuts to a teenage girl's mouth. The other was a carton of grapefruit juice containing the weedkiller paraquat.

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Safeway confirmed that only two items, one of cottage cheese and another of yoghurt, are now being sought.

The call, made on Saturday,

is being taken seriously by police.

They have asked customers to return all items bought at the store at Cameron Toll, Edinburgh, between June 15 and June 20 for examination.

"The indications are that there may only be four. But there is always the possibility that there may be more," the police said.

Safeway gave the "all clear" yesterday to its 137 stores in

Britain after checking food-stuffs on the shelves.

A police incident room has been set up, with a telephone number, 031 553 3134.

"We have so far had about 200 people bring back 500 items purchased from Cameron Toll and these have all been checked," the police said.

"We now want anyone who may have consumed any items, whether they feel ill or not, to check their bins."

Opera's plans for the coming season were going ahead.

The company, which has a promise of at least £50,000 funding from other sources dependent upon the Arts Council grant, is planning a co-production of Rossini's *Count Ory* with Scottish Opera, a Chinese opera and a revival of Jonathan Miller's production of Beethoven's *Fidelio*.

"I would be amazed if we do not receive our grant", Mr Platt, rehearsing in London, said. "We are expecting the decision to go our way."

Mr Nicholas Payne, general administrator with Opera North, one of the companies consulted by the Arts Council said: "I would not want to see the end of Kent Opera."

Portfolio Gold Computer check for wife's win

A housewife from Leicestershire was the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Margaret Seabrook, aged 66, from Empingham, near Oakham, who has been playing the competition since it began, said she was overwhelmed when she discovered that her numbers had finally come up.

Mrs Seabrook, who checks her Portfolio cards every morning with the aid of a computer program written by her husband, could not believe her luck when the computer showed she had the winning combination.

"I never really expect to get anywhere in competitions, but when I realized I had actually won, I went all shaky", she said.

Mrs Seabrook, who cannot wait to spend her windfall on some new carpets, also intends to use some of the money celebrating her good fortune with her husband and three sons.

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Rise in house prices cutting off new buyers

Rising house prices are putting a squeeze on first-time buyers, pushing many out of the market altogether, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says in its survey for the quarter ending May 31. (Our Property Correspondent writes).

Reporting continuing high demand, it states there are more buyers than houses, resulting in steadily increasing prices nationally.

The survey says that about a third of the 248 estate agents polled in England and Wales reported a 5 per cent increase in house prices during the quarter, while 4 per cent put the increase at 8 per cent.

Half have noted a rise by 2 per cent and less than 1 per cent report a fall in prices. While the number of properties on the agents' books has remained constant, the number of properties sold increased by 8 per cent.

Mr Peter Miller, the institution's spokesman, said: "Now that we have the election result and the prospect of continuing low inflation, confidence among buyers will continue to grow and this bodes well for an active period in the residential property market."

Sibson banned from driving over drinks

Tony Sibson, the Common-wealth middleweight boxing champion, drove with more than double the legal limit of alcohol in his blood a few hours after an injury forced him to pull out of a title fight, magistrates were told yesterday.

Sibson, aged 29, of Main Street, Queenborough, Leicestershire, admitted driving with excess alcohol and driving the wrong way down a one-way street on May 12.

He was banned from driving for 15 months, and fined a total of £225 with £10 costs.

The court was told that Sibson had finished his main training for the day and was winding down with a two-mile run when he pulled a leg muscle.

He knew at once that his Commonwealth and British title fight with Sheffield's Brian Anderson would have to be called off.

He drove his sparring partners to Birmingham and on the way home stopped at a public house for four pints of lager and then had two cans of drink at a friend's house.

Arab prince is fined on drugs charges

An Arab Prince was fined £280 yesterday when he appeared before magistrates in Bicester, Oxfordshire, on drugs charges. He asked for seven days to pay.

Wafid bin Sand, aged 29, admitted possessing cocaine, cannabis resin and herbal cannabis.

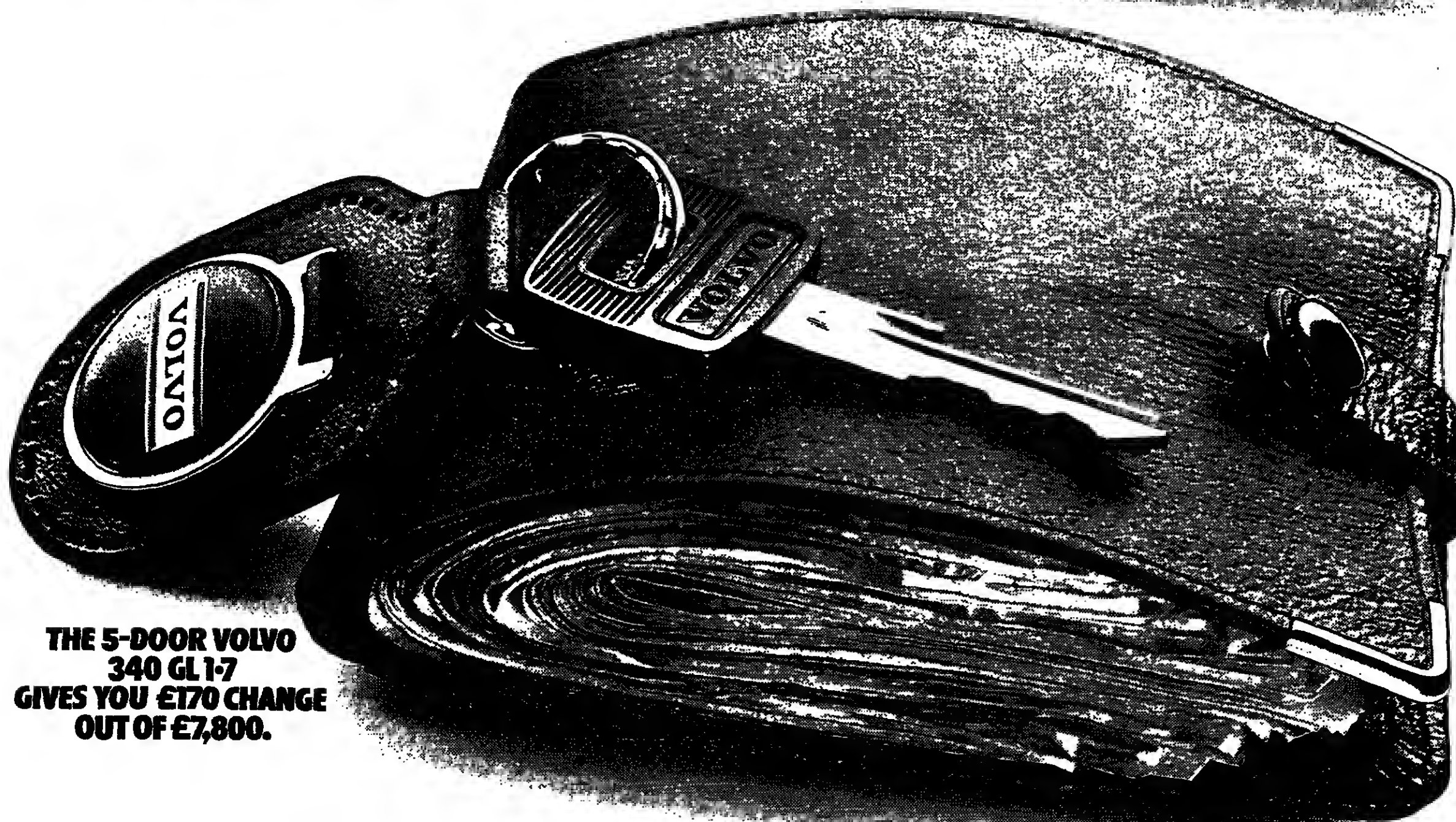
Wafid, a nephew of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, was arrested after a car crash in the Oxfordshire village of Blackthorn last month. Drugs were removed from his BMW car.

The Prince, of Lowndes Close, Lowndes Place, Belgrave, central London, admitted possession of 707mg of cocaine, 302mg of herbal cannabis and 546mg of cannabis resin, and driving without due care and attention. His licence was endorsed.

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Radical right rises to crusade against 'state enslavement'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

A radical right-wing group emerged from the shadows yesterday to launch its fight to dismantle socialism and state control.

Members of the Committee for a Free Britain styled themselves "freedom fighters", dedicated to helping ordinary people regain their freedoms and to overcoming oppression.

Its chairman, Mr David Hart, the political commentator and *The Times* columnist, said: "We regard state dependence as a modern form of slavery. In many ways as morally debilitating and materially unsatisfactory as slavery itself once was."

The committee, he added, would support Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Government only if it enhanced individual freedoms. Its aim was to broaden the debate and give the Conservative Party more room for political manoeuvre.

The other members are Lord Harris of High Cross, general director of the Institute of Economic Affairs; Mr Christopher Monckton, formerly of Mrs Thatcher's policy unit; Lady Cox, a

former Conservative Whip; Mr Colin Clarke, former president of the National Working Miners' Committee; and Mrs Betty Sheridan, vice-chairman of Haringey parents' rights group.

The committee's *Agenda for the Third Term* urges the third Thatcher Government to adopt a sharper cutting edge by such measures as:

- privatizing state schools;
- replacing the health service by a health insurance scheme;
- replacing welfare benefits by a weekly cash payment to all citizens;
- firmer financial controls on local councils;
- more defence spending aimed at making Europe independent of the United States.

Mr Hart said: "This committee does not intend to stop here. We will intervene in the national debate on behalf of individual freedom whenever and wherever we can."

"And, when we can, we will act to help individuals who we feel are oppressed, whether the oppressor is government, political organizations and individuals on the extreme left

or right or, for that matter, large companies."

He added that members of the committee had worked for five or six years quietly propagating the ideas they believed in.

They had helped, for instance, to organize support for miners who suffered intimidation when they tried to work during the strike.

"We have decided it is time to come out of the bunker and introduce ourselves to you", Mr Hart said.

The committee admitted it ran into trouble with an anti-Labour advertisement during the election campaign because it did not carry an address.

Although that was given as 40 Doughty Street, London WC1, it had no links with the Aims of Industry which was the landlord, Mr Hart said.

He added that money for the committee came from British individuals and companies but he refused to disclose any names.

Mr Hart said the committee was considering a membership scheme and a monthly magazine.

SDP risks 'being a joke party'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Young Social Democrats said yesterday that the SDP risks becoming the joke party of British politics unless they merge with the Liberal Party.

The pro-merger vote by the Party's official youth wing further isolates Dr David Owen and divides the SDP's own ranks over its future.

Mr Sam Green, the YSD's national officer, said that he would resign if his members did not support the national committee's call for a swift merger.

"This is central to the future of the party. We are talking about liquidating ourselves otherwise."

He added: "The general feeling is that we are disappointed that Dr Owen has not approached the merger issue with as much enthusiasm as we might have wished."

The distribution of portfolios among the five remaining SDP MPs in the Commons made the party "a bit of a laughing stock", he said.

Mr Peter Dunphy, national YSD chairman, said: "Unless the two parties do merge to form a single party, the SDP risks becoming the joke party of British politics."

The YSD's national committee unanimously called for a postal ballot of members of both parties on forming an Alliance party and for a merger at the earliest opportunity.

The committee is to carry out a secret postal ballot of all 1,200 members to make sure they back the call.

Scottish ministers dismiss devolution

Scotland can expect no concessions to home rule, in spite of a general election landslide which left the Conservatives with only 10 seats north of the border, the new ministerial team at the Scottish Office made clear yesterday.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said at a press conference in Edinburgh that the Queen's Speech in a few days' time would be the same even if the Conservatives had won all 72 seats in Scotland, as the new team of five fielded questions on devolution.

Mr Michael Forsyth, one of the new Ministers, said he was strongly against devolution, and Mr Ian Lang, who has been promoted to Minister of State, said he did not think devolution was an issue.

Mr Lang said a tax-raising assembly in Scotland would be damaging. He was backed by Lord Sanderson, the Scottish Office spokesman in the Lords, who said he had serious reservations about tax-raising powers for an assembly.

The final member of the team, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, MP, said that there was no commitment to devolution in the Conservative manifesto and therefore no obligation to proceed along that line at present.

He said the party in Scotland would have to look into the facts and circumstances that gave rise to the election results in Scotland.

Mr Rifkind said that he had had no difficulty in filling places left in the Scottish Office team by the failure of 11 Conservative MPs to be re-elected north of the border.

Among those ousted at the general election were Mr John

MacKay, Minister for Education, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Mr Michael Ancram, Minister for Local Government and the Environment.

With only 10 Conservative MPs returned in Scotland, opposition parties had claimed that Mr Rifkind would be hard pressed to run the Scottish Office effectively and that the Government did not have a mandate to govern north of the border.

Mr Rifkind denied Labour claims that he had been left with incompetents and fanatics.

"The criticisms would have been much the same if I had the Archangel Gabriel as my Minister of State and other angels and as my under-secretaries", he said.

He acknowledged that there will be a heavier workload when Parliament resumes because of the need to represent Scotland on committees with Scottish business.

"Although our numbers may be diminished, the Scottish voice will be heard even louder", he said.

"There's no question that the Conservative Party is a unionist party and you cannot be that without having a deep commitment to the health and well-being of the various parts of the United Kingdom."

He added: "The Prime Minister and my other Cabinet colleagues are undoubtedly anxious to ensure that the particular reasons which led to such a disappointing result in Scotland are identified."

Mr Rifkind added that the Conservatives' poor showing in Scotland would have no effect on the introduction of the community charge.

The violence was the first serious trouble in Chapelown, a mixed race community with large Asian and Afro-Caribbean populations, since the area experienced fierce rioting and £1 million in damage during the disturbances of 1981.

Superintendent John Ellis, the divisional commander in charge of the Chapelown district, said he believed that the disturbances were an isolated incident which he hoped would not be repeated.

The trouble began when two police officers attended a domestic dispute at a house in Grange Terrace. While they were inside a gang of teenagers began to damage their vehicle and when they arrested a youth aged 17, who has since been charged and bailed, they were met with a hail of stones and bottles.

Extra police were called in and there were sporadic clashes with gangs of youths until 8pm on Sunday evening. It then remained quiet until shortly before midnight when youths began stoning police vehicles and civilian cars.

Three newspapers were said in the Court of Appeal yesterday to have "destroyed" the wall of silence built around revelations by Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 man, to protect national security.

They had done so because they preferred their own view of what was in the public interest to that of the court and "usurped" its power to decide, Mr John Laws, for the Attorney General, told the court.

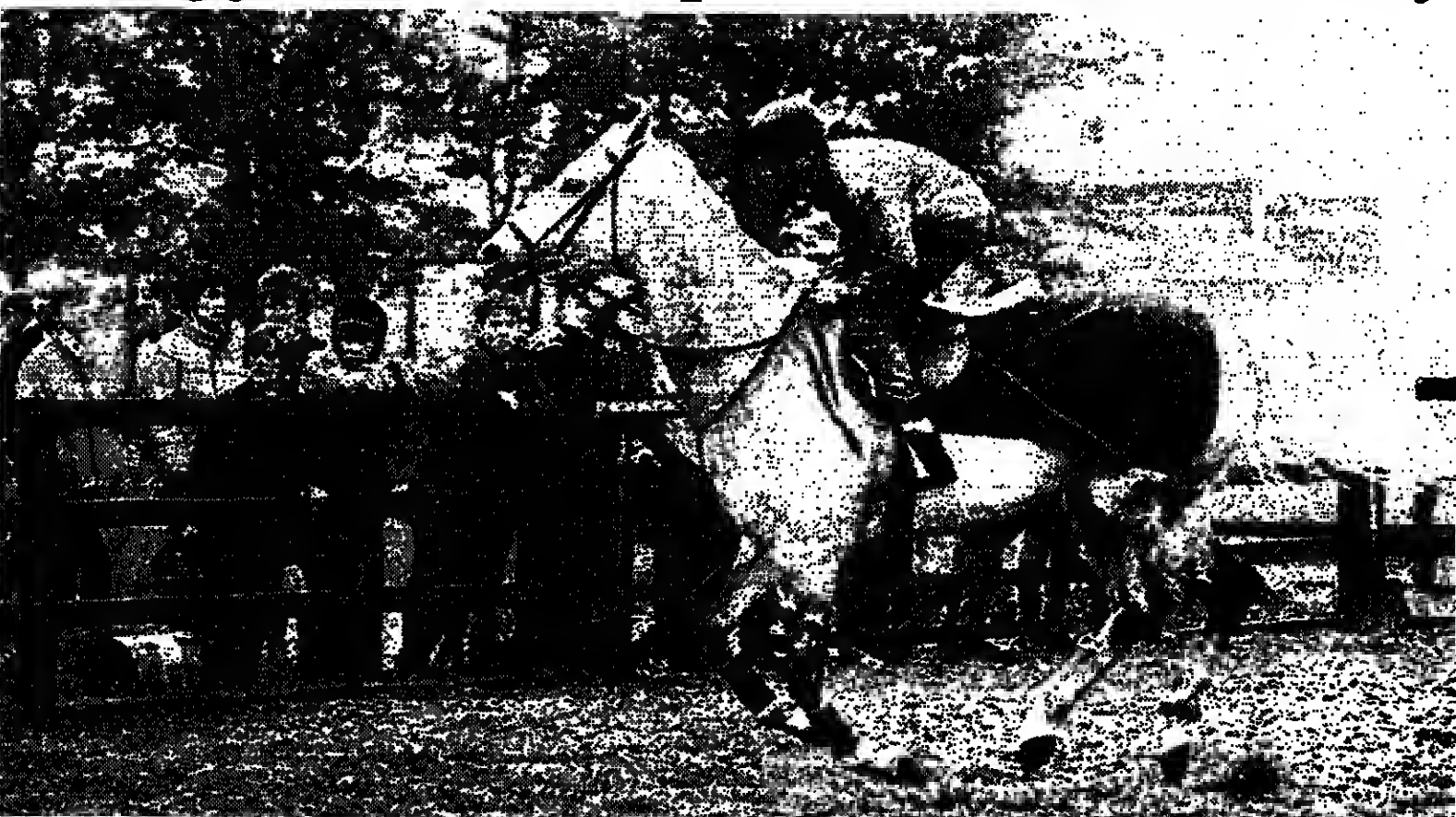
He was speaking on the first day of his appeal against the High Court ruling earlier this month dismissing criminal contempt proceedings against the *London Daily News*, *The London Evening Standard* and *The Independent*.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, the Vice-Chancellor, upheld their claims that they could not be in contempt for publishing details from Mr Wright's book, *Spycatcher*, even though they knew injunctions were in force preventing publication by *The Guardian* and *The Observer*.

He told Sir John Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice

Britain's inner cities

Young join race for a place in the turf industry



Youth Training Scheme apprentices, mostly from under-privileged homes in Yorkshire, watch a colleague exercising his mount at Rossington.

In the all-weather exercise paddock, a string of horses is being put through its morning paces in a scene that is part of the daily routine in any racing stable.

This time, however, it is the jockeys, teenage boys and girls, who are coming under scrutiny rather than their mounts.

They are members of an unusual Youth Training Scheme, funded by the Manpower Services Commission, which is preparing them for a working life in the horse-racing industry.

Many come from backgrounds that could not be more removed from the glamorous, moneyed world of the turf. Some are the sons of unemployed miners or the daughters of redundant steel workers. Others, though, have horses in their blood.

They all share the common ambition of one day riding the winner of a big race and they have been given the opportunity they would not otherwise have had of making their dream come true.

Mr Jim Gale, director of the trust which runs the South Yorkshire Apprentice Racing Training School, leans on the paddock gate, watching the latest batch of young hopefuls to arrive go through their paces.

"It is not beyond the bounds of reason to think that the next Lester Piggott may just get his chance because of what we are doing here."

The school is housed in a restored eighteenth century stable block at Rossington Hall, a few miles from the local colliery but appropriately just along the road from Doncaster race course, the home of the St Leger.

The 3.45 apprentice handicap at Doncaster races on Friday will be a special event. It is a race being sponsored by the South Yorkshire Apprentice Racing Training School, an organization largely funded by the Manpower Services Commission, which offers boys and girls, many of them from the deprived areas of inner cities in the North, the opportunity of joining a Youth Training Scheme course to equip them for a career in the racing industry. Peter Davenport went to see the unusual initiative in action.

On Derby Day the school and its young pupils were visited by the Princess Royal, whose own racing exploits have been endlessly chronicled. She watched the race on television with the young people and passed on a few tips.

The original idea for the school, to provide the opportunity of a career in the racing industry for children from under-privileged homes in the Yorkshire coalfields, came from a local trainer, Mr Harry Lindley, in the early 1980s.

It was taken up by the South Yorkshire County Council and premises eventually found in the old stable block of a special school at Rossington Hall. Mr Gale, who had been involved in planning and employment schemes with the authority, was put in charge.

The scheme attracted MSC backing and the initial intake in 1984 was just eight young people. It was a tentative start that looked destined for a premature end when the council was abolished.

But a scheme was devised to create a charitable trust to administer the school and the council bequeathed it a "farewell" grant of £100,000.

mainly in racing stables and 12 have been granted their apprentice jockey licences. Two have already ridden in their first public race.

The course is not just aimed at producing jockeys but also with turning out stable lads and girls, racing secretaries and horse box drivers.

During my visit Richard Ashmore, aged 16, on the course for six weeks, had come off his mount in the exercise paddock and was carried into the school's tack room in obvious pain, nursing a suspected broken arm.

As he waited for an ambulance to take him to hospital he was asked if his experience had put him off his ambition to be a jockey. "No, I will be back", he said.

Typical of the spirit shared by the young people was that showed by Joanne Williams from Rotherham, South Yorkshire, also aged 16, who stands 4ft 8½in tall and weighs 7 stone.

"Since I was five years old I have had an ambition to ride in the Grand National and with this course I am determined to achieve it", she said.

Mr Gale says that Rossington Hall provides an opportunity for young people who would not normally have the chance of entering the industry's own racing school at Newmarket.

"Many of them come here full of their dreams and in some ways you have to knock it out of them. You want them to maintain the vision but also to realize it is only achieved by hard work and dedication", he said.

Talks after night of street violence

By Peter Davenport

Police spent the day talking to community leaders in the Chapelown area of Leeds yesterday in an attempt to prevent further trouble after a night of street disturbances in which shops were damaged and a taxi hi-jacked and set alight.

During the height of the trouble in which gangs of teenagers threw stones, bottles and bricks, police officers were issued with riot shields for their own protection.

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Superintendent John Ellis, the divisional commander in charge of the Chapelown district, said he believed that the disturbances were an isolated incident which he hoped would not be repeated.

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Extra police were called in and there were sporadic clashes with gangs of youths until 8pm on Sunday evening. It then remained quiet until shortly before midnight when youths began stoning police vehicles and civilian cars.

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Work with us or lose aid Trippier tells rebel councils

Mr David Trippier, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday told rebel local councils they must work with him if they want to reap the benefits of Conservative initiatives.

Speaking in Liverpool during his first fact-finding mission Mr Trippier, who has special responsibility for inner cities, said: "We are very anxious to work in partnership with the local authorities."

However, if some local authorities would not work with a Conservative Government "then we will have to bypass them", he said.

"I am expecting harmony rather than conflict. It is important that everyone recognizes that we have been elected with a substantial majority and we are going to

be here for four or five years.

"If they are sincere and fair about the people in their areas they will want to maximize any advantage to be gained through national government."

Visiting Liverpool's Albert Dock complex, the dockland regeneration project launched by Mr Michael Heseltine in the wake of the riots in 1981, Mr Trippier said such projects had attracted £4 of private investment for every £1 put up by the Government.

"That is a good investment from the Government's point of view and that is the process we want to continue", he said.

He criticized the way in which the last Labour council in Liverpool had spent its money before 47 of its members were disqualified for not setting a rate in time.

"We are hoping for a more responsible approach from the current councillors", he said.

Mr Trippier, who was the guest of the Merseyside Development Corporation, did not meet local councillors, but said he hoped to do so on a later visit.

Mr Harry Rimmer, Liverpool's new Labour council leader, said: "We would hope to meet Mr Trippier as soon as possible to discuss regeneration in the inner city."

"We would like to show him the tremendous progress we have made during the past four years with 4,800 new houses constructed and 10,000 private sector jobs created."

"Obviously we will be seeking his support for the continuation of this regeneration work."

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Lloyd and Lord Justice Balcombe, that the orders had been made to "preserve the status quo of silence about Mr Wright" and protect a perceived danger to national security.

But the articles in the three newspapers had destroyed that status quo and "gave rise to the very damage which the court decided to prevent", Mr Laws said.

"But I say this case is an example of the principle that the court will punish persons who obstruct the course of justice", he added.

The hearing continues today.

Amnesty's plea to Thatcher

By Caroline Moorhead

Amnesty International called on the Government yesterday to prove its commitment to human rights by including what it says are essential points in the Queen's Speech on Thursday.

Torture, it said, should be made illegal by introducing legislation to enable Britain to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

The death penalty for peace-time offences should be abolished, by ratifying the sixth Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights.

It also seeks tighter legislative control on the export of military, security and police equipment.

Homes appeal to save cats

A couple facing a prison sentence for failing to stop their nine cats and four kittens straying into a neighbour's garden, appealed yesterday for homes for the pets to prevent them being destroyed.

Mr Brian Gaunt and Mrs Sheila Baker, appearing at Bradford County Court, undertook to dispose of most of the cats within 35 days.

Labour tops the viewing charts

By Paul Valley

The Conservatives may have won the general election but it was Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, who won the battle on television, according to figures released yesterday by the BBC.

The figures show that on average about 12 million viewers watched each of the various party political broadcasts and that slightly more turned into Labour than the other parties.

The average figure for Labour's election broadcasts, according to the independent Broadcasters' Audience Research Board, was 12.9 million, followed by the Conservatives with 12.5 million and the Alliance with 12.3 million and the Green Party with 10.3 million.

But, perhaps more significantly, the research discloses that 14 per cent fewer people watched the broadcasts than during the 1983 general election.

Broadcasting analysts put much of that down to the relatively new phenomenon of tactical tuning. During this election it was possible for the first time for viewers to express their political opinions by changing channels.

Previously the party election broadcasts had been seen simultaneously on all channels but this time they were placed in the peak current affairs viewing slot, just before the main news on each channel.

But, contrary to the received wisdom, coverage of

the election did not encourage viewers to turn off entirely.

Mr Michael Grade, who is to take over as managing director of BBC Television when Mr Bill Cotton retires next year, yesterday announced that overall viewing figures were up on 1983.

At their peaks some 9.8 million tuned into the BBC and 6.5 million to independent television compared with 6.9 million and 7.2 million respectively in 1983.

Mr Grade said that the BBC had increased its overall majority over ITV, gaining 66 per cent of the viewers compared with 57 per cent in 1983. On average 5.9 million people watched during the four-hour results special on the BBC with three million tuning in to the ITV programme.

Those watching BBC also had more staying power. At 2.45am more than 13 per cent of its viewers were still awake whereas ITV had less than 10 per cent.

But Mr Grade was mildly critical of ITV's success in being first with many of the actual results, a triumph that was accompanied by criticisms that it had broadcast the outcome in some constituencies before the result had been officially announced by the returning officer.

Mr Grade said: "ITV did it differently. We'll have to look back and consider which way is best. But I think it's a slippery slope when we're all competing to predict results earlier and earlier."

Woman with lung transplant 'satisfactory'

The woman who made medical history by becoming Europe's first single lung transplant patient was named yesterday.

Mrs Dorothy Graham, married with a son aged 21, was said to be making satisfactory progress at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne. She was out of bed and walking around, the hospital said.

Mrs Graham, aged 44, who is understood to have been waiting for the operation since April, was suffering from lung fibrosis which causes the organ to lose its elasticity.

Mr Christopher McGregor, the surgeon who has led the hospital's heart transplant programme over the past two years, cut short professional engagements in Italy to carry out the operation on Friday.

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, flies to Luxembourg tomorrow amid rising hopes of a new deal to provide real competition on European air services.

Civil Servants of all 12 EEC nations have almost completed a detailed package of proposals - including giving airlines the right to cut up to 55 per cent off standard economy fares - which they hope the ministers will sign formally this week.

Should the deal get the go-ahead, it will end more than a year of bitter wrangling and pave the way for a single

market for European air travel.

Many of the EEC countries have been determined to protect their national airlines from competition and it has taken a threat of legal action in the European Court of Justice to force them into a compromise which now appears to be within reach.

There is full agreement on fares and on capacity, the number of seats which can be offered for sale on any route. Airlines will no longer be allowed to agree between themselves what fares they should charge, but they will be able to "consult" and give opinions on their rivals' plans.

Whatever emerges as the

standard economy fare will be regarded as the benchmark against which special offers may be made.

Discount fares will be available for passengers willing to pay 14 days in advance and travel off-peak and for those who remain at their destination for at least one Saturday night. Airlines will be able to reduce fares to between 90 per cent and 65 per cent of the standard fare without having to obtain approval.

Large discount fares will be allowed if tickets are sold 28 days before departure or on the day before departure and can be made available to people aged under 25 or over 60, to family groups where a

mother and father are travelling together, or to groups of more than six.

Provided a combination of those conditions is met the airlines can charge as little as between 65 per cent and 45 per cent of the standard fare.

Any disputes can be settled quickly through arbitration. On capacity, any country will be able to provide 55 per cent of the total number of seats on a given route for the first two years, after which that may rise to 60 per cent.

However, in the vexed area of market access, agreement still has to be reached.

The problem centres on the

number of passengers who use a route before it is considered big enough to have competing airlines on it. Current suggestions vary between 200,000 and 600,000 a year.

Some countries claim their regional airports are not big enough to cope with more flights and others are resisting the idea that airlines should be able to fly to more than one destination in a given country.

Britain is resisting suggestions that its airports should be open for "fifth freedom rights" - the right to pick up passengers in one foreign country and set them down in another.

The compromise deal, if signed, would last until 1992

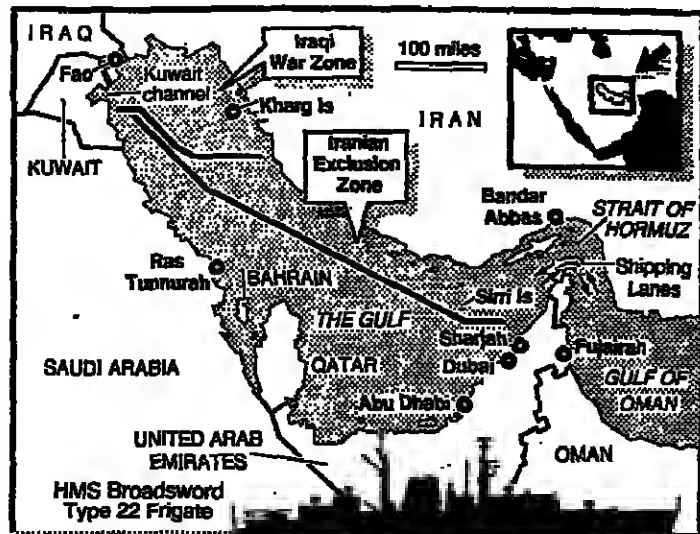
Royal Navy's Broadsword sweeps troubled Gulf waters

From Robert Fisk, on board HMS Broadsword in the Gulf

HMS Broadsword is one of those ships with the flat-sided, elongated hull that gives her a modern, top-heavy appearance; a British Type 22 guided-missile frigate with a Union Flag on a pole surmounted by a small, painted wooden royal crown that makes an effort to combine Nelsonian tradition with the age of the Exocet.

The Exocets — four of them mounted forward under canvas awnings — provide a cynical contrast to the chivalry of the afterdeck, where a steel broadsword in fact hangs, blade down, beside the ship's nameplate. In the heat haze, across the Dubai dockside, the elderly superstructure of the American frigate USS Conyngham, her two funnels swept back in the configuration of every Second World War naval movie, gives Broadsword's New World cousin an almost trapped appearance, a ship already locked into her country's policy of free navigation in the Gulf, destined to escort those 11 Kuwaiti tankers next month as the symbol of America's commitment to the Arab states.

Captain Ryan Turner of Broadsword entertained the Conyngham's officers before he left Dubai on Sunday. He took care, however, to cast no political aspersions. A Whitehall man with the cold charm of the technician and a small cardboard sheet upon which he had written some acceptably unrevealing words for visitors, he knows only too well that the Royal Navy's Rules of Engagement could send him into battle in the Gulf to defend British shipping — though he would never say so.



Since January, Broadsword and two other British warships, a frigate and a destroyer, have been accompanying British tankers down the sea lanes from Hormuz to Dubai; no one, least of all Captain Turner, would use the word "escort", although that is what it comes to.

On the surface — and the word should perhaps be used in both senses — Broadsword provides a "presence" in the Gulf, what Captain Turner describes as a reassurance to British shipping in the war zone. There are good relations between the British and Americans, but also with the Iranians and Iraqis.

"You've got to realize that these chaps (the Iranians) are at war and they can be nervous," he says. "We identify ourselves to them and they to us. Some of their officers

speak beautiful English and can change without effort into French and German — some really good linguists they have on board." Relations with the Iranian Navy are cordial and pleasant, he says. There is no question of enmity.

That, at least, is his profound hope for the future. For if the Iranians do try to stop a British ship under Broadsword's discreet and distant protection, a whole series of Ministry of Defence instructions are taken from the file. These rules are Captain Turner's secret and will, if he has his way, remain so, because no one wants to call upon them.

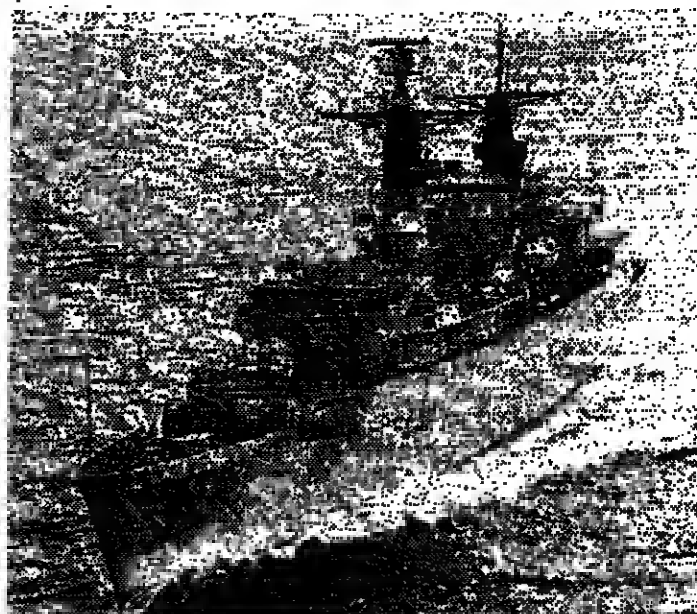
In the hot misty waters of the Gulf, where temperatures boil up to 115 at midday, 50 per cent of Broadsword's crew are closed up in "defence watches", the Exocets,

the Seawolf point-defence anti-aircraft missiles, the Bofors and close-range guns manned round the clock. In the air-conditioned crew's quarters, off-duty seamen watch the on-board video — Crocodile Dundee is commonly acclaimed their favourite viewing — but, in the steamy night outside, those on duty earnestly intend to avoid the USS Stark's fate.

Captain Turner is used to being asked about the fate of the American guided-missile frigate that was set upon by an Exocet-firing Iraqi Mirage jet last month at a cost of 37 lives. With that precedent, no naval captain, let alone the 51-year-old Captain Turner, with a lifetime at sea and five ships under his command in and out of the Gulf, is going to say it could not happen to him. Nor does he do so.

The assault on the Stark had "obviously heightened everyone's awareness of what could happen out here", he says. "My ships are well-armed, they all have anti-missile capability and we have great faith in our weapons. Of course, our awareness has been heightened. But there has been no change in policy."

Or has there? Naval officers may deny it, but Western diplomats in the Gulf sense a desire by the Royal Navy — perhaps by Mrs Thatcher herself — to raise the profile of Britain's three ships in the sea lanes. President Reagan has claimed that a greater proportion of the British Navy is on patrol in the Gulf than of the American Navy — an equation which, given the 600 vessels available to Washington, is per-



HMS Broadsword: Nelsonian tactics in age of the Exocet.

haps taking the Nelsonian blind eye a little too far.

None of which reduces the danger. What if, for example, the Iranian Navy decides it really would like to examine the choppy waters round Hormuz? Captain Turner insisted in his clipped, confident way that Broadsword "provides support to British merchant ships in the area and hopefully provides some assurance to shipowners that shipping is safe". And if this "support" is not enough?

"If there's an attack," he says, "my job is to protect British

shipping and British lives... I cannot go into the details of that. I'm obviously governed by rules of engagement which allow us to take certain actions at the time in the circumstances. But above all, I have the right of self-defence... And also the right to defend British ships which are entitled to British protection."

Captain Turner's crew have been told about the Gulf War. As one of his officers put it: "If they have to risk their lives, they have the right to know why. Every day we post ows on the ooticeboard — what the Iranians and Iraqis are saying, news of the latest attack on shipping — so that everyone from

the chef to the captain knows what is going on."

Whether the Royal Navy's ratings realize it was Iraq that started the Gulf War, Iraq that began the "tanker war", Iraq and not Iran that attacked the Stark is a moot point.

In the hot night, Broadsword's radio is a world stage for the merchant captains of the Gulf. A British merchant seaman's voice urges a Soviet vessel to shoot at the Iranian gunboat that seeks its identity number over the airwaves, a lunatic crooner sings down the waveband, the "Filipino monkey" they call him: there is rumoured to be a reward for his capture.

Merchant seamen still talk about the day last month when an American frigate warned an Iranian gunboat not to train its weapons upon it. The American captain sought a radio witness to his warning as his accompanying Omani naval escort stayed away in silence. Eventually a British voice through the other said he had witnessed the warning, at which point — so the Gulf mariners say — the Iranian turned away.

Broadsword is a ship without illusions. In the Falklands War she was escort to Sheffield when she was hit by an Exocet. Then an Argentine jet dropped a bomb right through Broadsword's plating. It bounced off one deck, clipped off the nose of an on-board helicopter and sped back out to sea. Only a mishapen guard rail bearing the marks of cannon fire is still visible. Like the Gulf patrol, it looks, on the surface, quite unremarkable.

WORLD SUMMARY

Briton jailed for 10 years in Dubai

Dubai (Reuters) — A British man was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in prison for the manslaughter last June of an Indian guard at a housing compound in Dubai.

Dubai Criminal Court found Mark Spalding, aged 20, of Jarrow, Tyne and Wear, guilty of beating K.P. Gopinathan to death when the watchman refused to let him in to see a girl friend late at night. It jailed Spalding's friend, Michael Brown, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, for a year for helping Spalding to escape from the scene of the crime. Brown, who had already been a year in prison, was released immediately. Both prosecution and defence are to appeal against the sentence.

Spalding was sentenced earlier this year by a Dubai court to three years' jail on drug charges. The manslaughter sentence would be served separately, legal sources said.

Australia warns US

Sydney — Linking trade and strategic issues, Australia said yesterday that US moves towards protectionism could harm its effectiveness as an ally (Stephen Taylor writes).

The trade question and recent upsets in the Pacific were dominant in the annual talks between Australian ministers and their US counterparts. In his opening address, Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, told Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, that Australians saw economic well-being as a major component in security, and that a trade war would "jeopardize the defence and security of us all".

Death law Old guard rejected

Washington — Mandatory death penalties ordered by some American states for certain categories of crime are unconstitutional, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday (Michael Binyon writes).

By a 6-3 majority, the court struck down a Nevada law that insisted on execution for prisoners who commit murder while serving a life sentence without parole. It is a big defeat for prison officers who have increasingly called for capital punishment as a way of deterring attacks.

Waldheim inquiry

Vienna — The Swiss military historian, Professor Hans Rudolf Kurz, will chair the Austrian Government's international commission of historians examining Dr Kurt Waldheim's wartime career (Richard Bassett writes).

Professor Kurz, speaking on Austrian radio, said that he hoped to include in his team of six an expert from Israel, Greece and Yugoslavia. The commission is expected to report by the end of the year. It will interview witnesses as well as examine documents.

Top lawyer drafted in to US religious war

From Charles Bremner, New York

Jerry Falwell, a rival television preacher, who has since catalogued what he calls the "monumental greed, deceit, bisexuality and pillaging of the PTL accounts by Mr Bakker. Mr Falwell put PTL into the protection of bankruptcy proceedings on June 12, three days after Mr and Mrs Bakker returned to South Carolina from a brief exile in Palm Springs and announced that they had been hounded from their ministry.

Mrs Bakker has been keeping up national interest in the long-running affair with emotional television accounts of the misery she and her husband have endured since being cast out of the PTL. "It would have been much kinder for them to have put a bullet in us," she said with mascara running down her cheeks last week.

Mr Bakker was forced to resign in March after a New York church secretary disclosed a sexual encounter with him and said he was paying her "hush money". The PTL was taken over by the Rev

Split in Washington as Pentagon presses for end to Iran trade

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The Reagan Administration is deeply split on whether the United States should continue trading with Iran at a time when it is seeking mandatory sanctions in the United Nations to enforce a ceasefire in the Gulf War.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, is calling for a ban on all exports to Iran, except medicines and humanitarian goods. But the State and Commerce Departments want to continue the present low level of trade as a way of keeping open a relationship with the private economy in Iran and American-trained technocrats there.

The issue has come to a head because of the present crisis in the Gulf.

The Pentagon was deeply unhappy with the Administration's authorization in March of export licences for the sale of \$900,000 of

computers to Iran. Mr Weinberger appealed to the National Security Council to take up the question and submit a report to President Reagan for a decision.

"We look ridiculous when we keep trading with somebody whose economy is geared toward war and there is no control over where your products end up," one Pentagon official told *The New York Times*.

Last month the NSC sent the White House its classified inter-agency report on Iranian trade. This acknowledged the split in the Administration, sources said, but was so vague that it was sent back for redrafting. The Pentagon is using the delay to press for a cut-off in trade.

Since the fall of the Shah, US trade with Iran has dwindled to a fraction of what it

was. Last year Iran bought only \$34 million (about £20 million) of US goods, mainly small machinery and agricultural goods. The US, however, spent \$600 million (£353 million) on oil, carpets, caviar, gems, glassware and nuts.

The Commerce Department argues that a total ban would hurt American business interests, while the State Department believes trade could be one area on which better relations could one day be built.

Meanwhile, the US is said to have rejected an informal request by Liberia for protection for about 80 US-owned tankers flying the Liberian flag in the Gulf. Other countries whose flags of convenience are flown by US ships, such as Panama and the Bahamas, will also be turned down if they request protection.

Terror suspect decision tomorrow

West Germany warns its citizens to leave Lebanon

From John England, Bonn

West Germany has warned all its citizens in Lebanon to leave the country as soon as possible ahead of a Bonn decision tomorrow on whether to extradite a suspected Lebanese terrorist to the United States or put him on trial in Germany.

The Shia Hezbollah group in Beirut kidnapped two West Germans in the city last January in retaliation for the arrest of the Lebanese, Mr Muhammad Hamadei, at Frankfurt airport after liquid explosive was found in his baggage.

Now, only a few days after the group's abduction of Mr Charles Glass, an American journalist, Bonn fears it will kidnap more West Germans in anger at the Government's decision, whichever way this goes.

The kidnappers are reported to have told Bonn that they will free their German captives, Herr Rudolf Cordes and Herr Alfred Schmidt, only when Mr Hamadei is released. But Washington is also still pressing the West German Government to extradite Mr Hamadei to stand trial in the US for alleged involvement in the hijacking of a TWA airliner in 1985 and the murder of an American passenger.

The pressure was increased last week when 65 US Senators warned Bonn in a resolution that failure to deliver Mr Hamadei would have "extremely serious consequences" for German-American relations.

Bonn has played for time on its decision while trying to win freedom for the West Germans through top level contacts in the Middle East, but now must finally make up its mind on Mr Hamadei.

The West German newspaper *Die Welt* in a front page story yesterday said the Government had already decided that Mr Hamadei would not be extradited. He would be brought before a court in Frankfurt, where he is in jail, charged with air piracy and murder. Herr Friedrich Ost, the chief West German Government spokesman, would not comment on the report.

He said that Mr Edwin Meese, the US Attorney-General, would have talks in Bonn today with Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the West German Interior Minister, on combating international terrorism.

Mr Meese was also expected to be briefed on West Germany's legal standpoint on the Hamadei affair by Herr

Hans Engelbard, the Justice Minister.

The West German Government believes that Herr Cordes and Herr Schmidt are still alive and reasonably well although reports say their kidnappers have sent Bonn neither photographs nor videos of their captives.

Syria is reported to have informed Bonn that it has threatened Hezbollah with a heavy blow if anything happens to the hostages.

BEIRUT: Skirmishes between two rival Shia groups in Beirut's southern suburbs yesterday hampered Syrian efforts to secure the release of Mr Glass, Mr Ali Osseiran, the son of Lebanon's Minister of National Defence, and Mr Suleiman Suleiman, their driver (Juan Carlos Guevico writes).

The fighting broke out in the districts of Ghobeiri, Hay Madi and Harat Hreik as Syria intensified its pressure on groups believed to have influence over the kidnappers.

The three were abducted on Wednesday while travelling through a Shia district south of the capital. No group has claimed responsibility, but the three are believed to have been taken to the southern suburbs, the stronghold of Shia fundamentalists.

Turkey's tears of bitterness



Turkish villagers mourning at the mass grave of the 30 people, including 16 children and six women, slain by Kurdish separatists in a weekend raid on the village of Pinarcik in the country's south-east.

The country's leaders and media have linked the killings to a resolution passed by the European Parliament two days earlier, accusing the Turks of the "genocide" of Armenians 70 years ago (Rasit Gurdilek reports from Ankara). Strasbourg also said Ankara's policies in the Aegean and Cyprus would

preclude the consideration of Turkey's membership application, tabled in April.

In reaction, President Kenan Evren, who has claimed the murders were a direct result of EEC tactics to keep Turkey out of the Community, called yesterday for a review of the country's Nato membership.

Speaking at the central Anatolian town of Sivas, he said: "Let them rejoice over what they have accomplished... Turkey existed before the EEC was set up and will continue its existence, despite the inevitable calls which will surely follow for the secession of territory."

Barcelona bomb could indicate a power struggle in Eta leadership

From Richard Wigg, Barcelona

The Eta bomb that killed 17 people in a Barcelona supermarket at the weekend could indicate a struggle for power in the group's leadership.

Authorities here have been struck by the quick apology issued by Eta, the Basque separatist guerrilla group. It was coupled with a promise to begin future Eta would select targets in its psychological war against the Spanish Government, in such a way that "things like this and the irreparable damage caused" would not happen again.

The police said at the weekend they were convinced that the Eta leader nicknamed "Aripalo", an advocate of indiscriminate attacks, had gained the upper hand in a

succession struggle after the death of "Txomin" in Algeria last February.

Eta's apology came after Sunday's big turnout by residents of the Barcelona suburb which was the scene of the group's highest civilian death toll. Another protest demonstration was taking place last night.

Eta's apology was greeted here with indignation. Catalonia's news media yesterday highlighted the "cynicism" with which Eta announced that it had made a "serious mistake" and accepted without excuses its responsibility, yet went on to warn the region that it will go on mounting attacks.

Meanwhile, Barcelona's

police have blamed the management of the Hipercor supermarket for not clearing the store after warnings from an Eta caller. A detailed statement indicated that the police had informed the store manager 45 minutes before the explosion occurred.

PARIS: A convicted member of the outlawed French Bnque organization Ipparearak, Mlle Marie-France Heguy, aged 24, and a policeman who had just arrested her were killed late on Sunday night when an express train hit the police car they were in on a level-crossing near Biarritz (Susan MacDonald writes). Another policeman and another suspect arrested with her were uninjured.

EEC summit facing showdown on farm spending crisis

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

The EEC summit in Brussels at the beginning of next week is heading for an inevitable showdown over the community's budget and farm spending crisis following yesterday's preparatory meeting of EEC Foreign Ministers.

The ministers failed to resolve differences over how to meet this year's £34 billion budget shortfall, how to restructure EEC financing in the long term as demanded by the European Commission or how to overhaul the common agricultural policy.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said these issues — which lie at the heart of a growing EEC

political disarray — were bound to figure on the summit agenda, which will be fixed at the weekend at a further special session of EEC foreign ministers.

There would be no detailed discussion of the 1987 budget problem or of this year's failure to agree farm prices, Sir Geoffrey said. Instead these would be tackled at further meetings of budget and farm ministers to be held at the beginning of July under the EEC presidency of Denmark, which takes over from Belgium immediately after the summit.

The summit would give only "guidance" to the specialist ministers, Sir Geoffrey said. But EEC officials said Mrs Thatcher, Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, and

President Mitterrand of France could hardly give general consideration to the crucial economic problems which have piled up without tackling at least some of the detail such as "the price of milk or cooking oil".

Mr Henning Christophersen, the Danish Budget Commissioner, left the meeting describing the situation as "catastrophic but not disastrous". The spending crisis had to be resolved by July 6, when the European Parliament next meets in Strasbourg on budgetary issues, Mr Christophersen said.

The crisis was far more urgent than the foreign ministers appeared to recognize and required a decision at the highest level.

EEC leaders traditionally prefer a broad brush approach at the EEC summits, held twice a year. But many officials hoped this summit next Monday and Tuesday would at last cut through the hickering, indecision and stubborn defence of national interest shown by farm and budget ministers over the past six months.

Sources said the Danish Foreign Minister, Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, who takes over the presidency on the 1st July, was disturbed at the prospect of inheriting an unresolved crisis from Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Foreign Minister, who last week warned that the EEC faced a choice between bankruptcy and massive spending cuts.

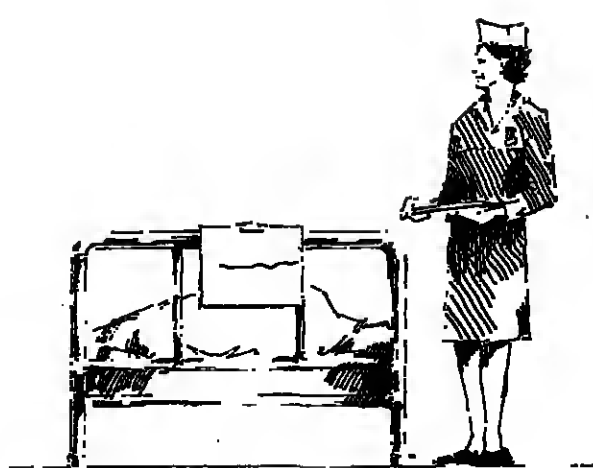
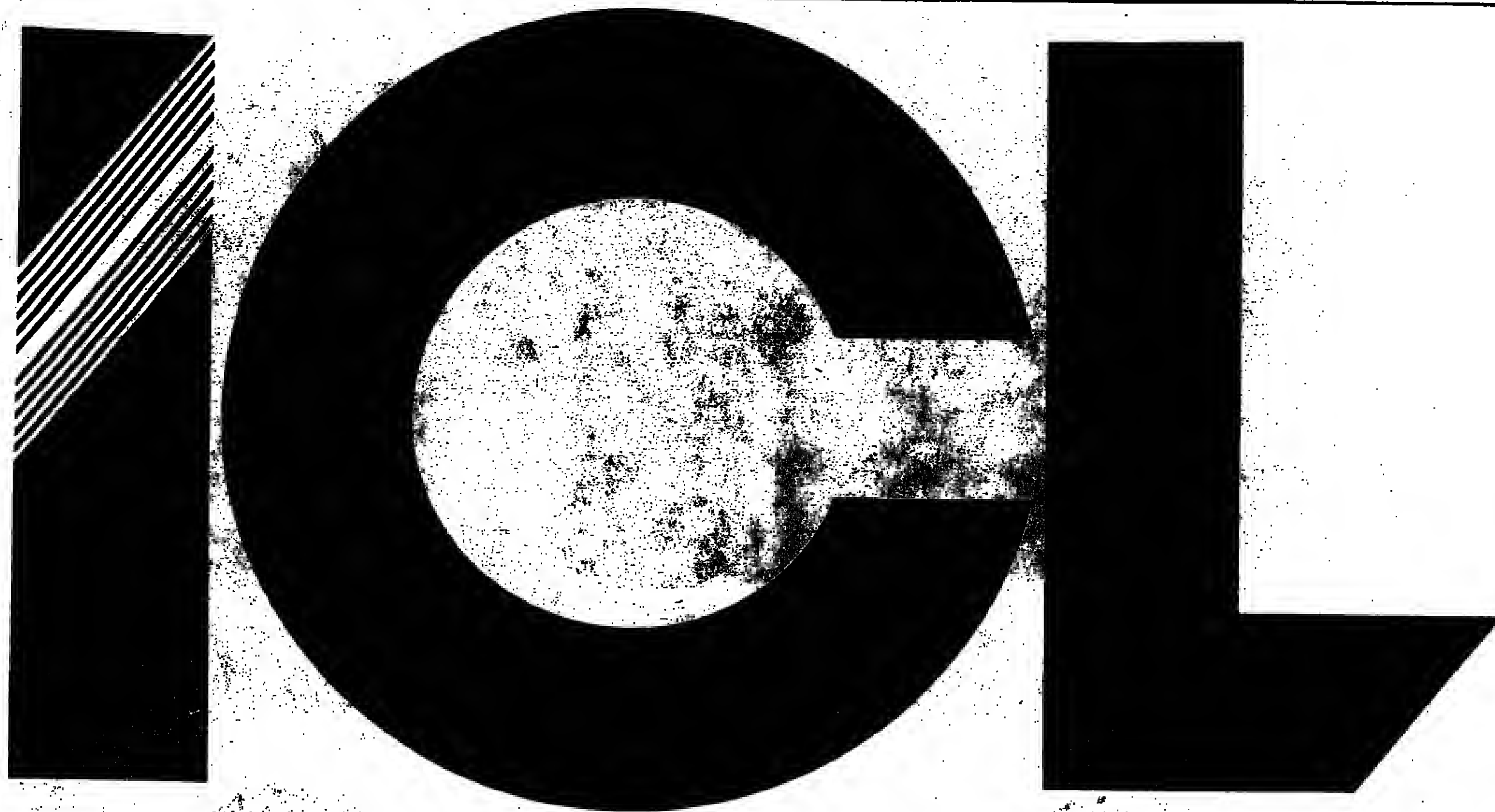
Other stymied EEC policies in-

clude cheaper air fares and the European research programme.

Sir Geoffrey said Britain could not agree to increased EEC financing without tough limits on agricultural spending, and said Britain was looking for cash savings this year and for future growth before it is prepared to look at proposals to increase the Community's budget.

His warning came after demands for an increase of 50 per cent in EEC funds over the next five years and a doubling of the cash available for regional and social spending.

Britain was equally opposed to a demand that the 12 member nations provide a £1 billion cash injection in cover part of the estimated £3.5 billion to £4.2 billion shortfall this year.



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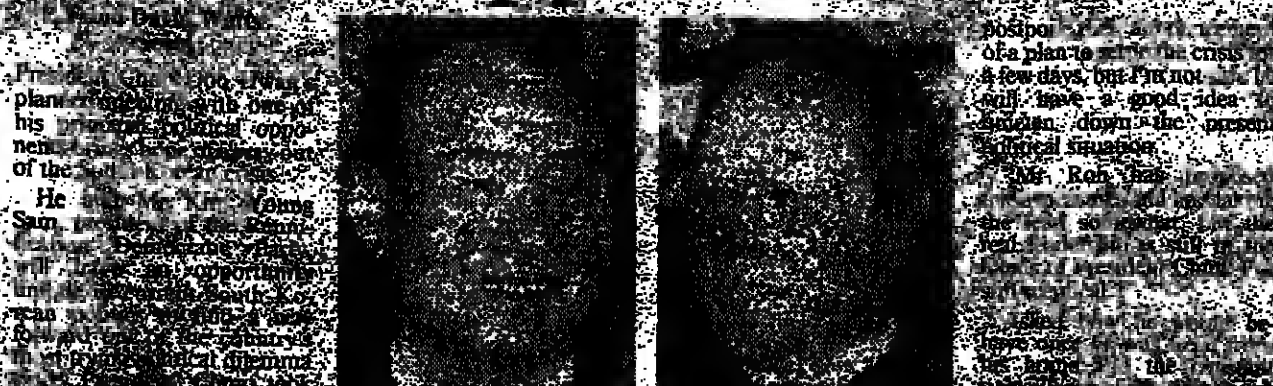
All this adds up to the T-series being not just a practical car but a desirable object, to boot.



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The South Korean crisis

Hopes rise as Chun agrees to meet opposition leader



President Chun Doo-hwan has agreed to meet the opposition leader, Mr. Kim Dae-jung, in a move that has raised hopes for a peaceful resolution of the South Korean crisis. Mr. Kim, who has been in exile since 1980, is expected to arrive in Seoul late today. The meeting is seen as a significant step towards ending the political deadlock that has plagued South Korea since the 1980 elections. Mr. Chun's decision to meet with Mr. Kim is a departure from his previous policy of suppressing opposition. It is hoped that the two leaders will discuss the current political situation and the need for democratic reforms. The opposition has been demanding a more open and accountable government, and Mr. Chun's move is seen as a response to these demands. The meeting is expected to be a landmark event in South Korean history, as it marks the first time that the president and the opposition leader have met in person.

Mr. Kim has been a vocal critic of Mr. Chun's government, accusing it of authoritarianism and corruption. He has been a key figure in the opposition movement, and his return to South Korea is seen as a sign of the growing pressure on Mr. Chun to reform. The opposition has been demanding a more open and accountable government, and Mr. Chun's move is seen as a response to these demands. The meeting is expected to be a landmark event in South Korean history, as it marks the first time that the president and the opposition leader have met in person. The opposition has been demanding a more open and accountable government, and Mr. Chun's move is seen as a response to these demands. The meeting is expected to be a landmark event in South Korean history, as it marks the first time that the president and the opposition leader have met in person.

Shultz seeks 'peaceful transfer of power'

From Stephen... Mr. Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has expressed his support for a peaceful transfer of power in South Korea. He has urged both Mr. Chun and Mr. Kim to engage in dialogue and to work towards a resolution of the crisis. Mr. Shultz's statement is seen as a signal of US support for democratic reforms in South Korea. He has emphasized the importance of a peaceful and orderly transition of power, and has urged both sides to show flexibility and compromise. The US has a long history of supporting democratic movements in South Korea, and Mr. Shultz's statement is seen as a continuation of this policy. He has also expressed his confidence that a peaceful resolution of the crisis is possible, and has urged both sides to work towards this goal.

Gandhi steers his panicky crew through the storm

From Cavia Bell, Delhi. Like the experienced airline pilot he is, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has succeeded in calming a crew on the verge of panic and steering his administration safely through a bout of severe turbulence. Intense lobbying by Mr. Gandhi and a split in the opposition ranks have removed the immediate threat of a political crisis stemming from a humiliating electoral defeat last week. Boosted by the result in Haryana state, opposition leaders and dissident members of the ruling Congress (I) Party moved swiftly to field a challenger to the official Congress candidate in the presidential election on July 13. However, the attempt collapsed amid recriminations when left-wing opposition groups, led by India's two Communist parties, refused to endorse the choice of Mr. Zail Singh, the incumbent President.

There is no doubt that Mr. Zail Singh had decided to stand, would have posed a formidable challenge to the Congress candidate, Mr. Ramaswamy Venkataraman, the Vice-President. Mr. Zail Singh was elected on the Congress ticket five years ago, but his relations with Mr. Gandhi have been strained by a public dispute over his access to information on state issues, at a time when the Government is assailed by corruption charges. In the event, the disarray in the Opposition deprived him of the required support for a second term and he promptly opted for retirement. Mr. Gandhi and his senior colleagues had also been active, soliciting support from various critics, including Mr. Zail Singh himself. A late-night meeting between the two men produced an assurance from the President that he would step down next month.

Bhopal (AFP) — Union Carbide Corporation yesterday asked an Indian court to postpone hearings into a \$3 billion (£1.8 billion) damage suit over the December 1984 leak of toxic gas which killed more than 2,300 people. and that he had no intention of prosecuting the Prime Minister in connection with allegations of corruption against his Government. The Opposition has reverted to Mr. V.R. Krishna Iyer, a former Supreme Court judge, to carry its banner in the election. Mr. Iyer, aged 71, does not have the political influence of Mr. Zail Singh, and Congress ranks appear to be re-forming behind Mr. Venkataraman, aged 76. Insofar as anything may be considered a foregone conclusion in Indian politics, the Vice-President looks set for promotion.

Mr. Gandhi has now turned his attention to his own party, after admitting that the Haryana result indicated a need for "corrections". In particular, he blamed local party officials for losing touch with the rural electorate. Meetings of a Congress working committee, convened by the Prime Minister, are expected to lead to changes to the party hierarchy and perhaps the expulsion of prominent dissidents. Mr. Gandhi may be forced to change his crew but, for the moment at least, he remains in the pilot's seat.



Mr V.R. Krishna Iyer, left, the Opposition candidate, being fed celebration sweets in Delhi yesterday by a colleague.

Gurkha revolt gathering strength

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi. A Gurkha revolt appears to be gathering strength in the Indian Himalayan state of West Bengal, with reports of road bridges badly damaged, widespread fire-bomb attacks and power cuts. The district capital of Darjeeling was without power for the second day yesterday after Gurkhas campaigning for a separate ethnic state blasted the main pipeline supplying water to its generating station. About a dozen government buildings were damaged by fire, bringing the total to more than 30 since the Gurkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) declared a 13-day general strike on Saturday. The targets yesterday included a police station, a telephone exchange, the tourist office and the Indian Airlines office. Scores of tourists have been stranded in the neighbouring state of Sikkim, which was effectively cut off from the rest of the country when guerrillas hit bridges on the main road from West Bengal. The prices of basic foods have rocketed in Sikkim because of the rupture of supplies, but the state food department said it had stocks of food grains for 15 days. No clashes have been reported between the GNLF and 1,300 paramilitary police who were flown to the remote region at the weekend. The only casualties have been a Communist Party worker who was shot dead and another who was wounded in an attack on a tea plantation. The security forces are under orders to act with restraint because of conciliatory moves by the Government. Mr. Bata Singh, the Home Affairs Minister, has invited the GNLF leader, Mr. Subash Ghising, to Delhi for urgent talks, but Mr. Ghising went underground when the strike began and there has been no word of him accepting. The Gurkhas, Indians of Nepalese descent, have been campaigning since May last year for a separate state and for Indian citizenship for thousands of stateless Gurkhas who have crossed the open border with Nepal to settle in West Bengal. More than 100 people have died in recurring violence since then. About 650,000 Gurkhas live in the tea-growing areas of Darjeeling, and many claim there is discrimination against their community in the state-aided tea industry. Attempts to resolve the issue have been hampered by policy differences on both sides.

Sahara's economic miracle-workers



Exiles make wasteland bloom

From Hassi Abdallah on their struggle to survive. An estimated 165,000 Saharawi refugees have fled Morocco's occupation of the Western Sahara to live in desert camps in Algeria. Susan Macdonald reports. In 1885, but it was only with French help at the beginning of this century that Spain managed to break down local resistance and establish itself in the colony. Franco was on his deathbed in 1975 when the tripartite agreement was signed, but it was only with French help at the beginning of this century that Spain managed to break down local resistance and establish itself in the colony. Franco was on his deathbed in 1975 when the tripartite agreement was signed, but it was only with French help at the beginning of this century that Spain managed to break down local resistance and establish itself in the colony. Franco was on his deathbed in 1975 when the tripartite agreement was signed, but it was only with French help at the beginning of this century that Spain managed to break down local resistance and establish itself in the colony.

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Health care is top priority for these former nomads

Many of today's top leaders of the Polisario Front are sons of men imprisoned or exiled by the Spanish for resistance activities. The civilians who fled into Algeria to escape Moroccan air bombardment, they say, were mainly women and children, the men already having joined the resistance. Once in Algeria they had to start from scratch. Students studying abroad to be teachers and doctors were called into the camps to help on their limited experience. Some of the most important priorities for a still largely nomadic people forced to become sedentary were health, hygiene and disease prevention. Today there are small regional hospitals and dispensaries, as well as a national hospital for the more serious cases. Teaching facilities mean that doctors and nurses can be trained on the spot. Women play a predominant role in health and social care and each district in each camp has its own Women's Committee, members of which go to the camps to provide health care. The Polisario Front has been fighting a guerrilla war against Moroccan forces in the Western Sahara since 1975. The Front has been successful in driving Moroccan troops out of many areas, and has established a de facto government in the region. The Front has also been successful in raising funds and recruiting fighters, and has been able to maintain a high level of resistance. The Front has been fighting a guerrilla war against Moroccan forces in the Western Sahara since 1975. The Front has been successful in driving Moroccan troops out of many areas, and has established a de facto government in the region. The Front has also been successful in raising funds and recruiting fighters, and has been able to maintain a high level of resistance.

US will keep up drugs pressure on Bahamas

From Christopher Thomas, Washington. American officials fear that relations with the Bahamas could sink to greater depths of acrimony after Friday's electoral victory of Sir Lynden Pindling, the Prime Minister, whose Progressive Liberal Party captured 54 per cent of the vote. US officials have made no secret of their belief that politicians in the Bahamas are mixed up in drug trafficking. Mr. Clement Maynard, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, gave those officials a succinct message during an election campaign heavily tinged with anti-Americanism: "I say to them, go to hell." The US, however, is determined to keep up the pressure for increased co-operation on drug interdiction, the dominant issue between the countries. But there is a danger shared drug enforcement programmes could be threatened if relations continue to worsen. A US Senate sub-committee sent a team to monitor the voting, thus incensing local politicians. Mr. Maynard said he was appalled at the action. Mrs. Carol Hallett, the US Ambassador, pointedly arrived to take up her post last autumn in a Drug Enforcement Agency aircraft and has since made the drugs issue a priority. She has aroused resentment from the day she arrived, bearing instructions from Washington to turn up the heat on the drugs issue. She has been denounced in the islands' Parliament and at one point lost her privilege to park in spaces reserved for diplomats at the airport. Washington estimates that 40 per cent of the South American cocaine bound for the US passes through the Bahamas.

Renamo men on killing spree in Zimbabwe

From Jan Raath, Harare. Shona vernacular, identifying themselves as Renamo and stating: "We have defeated (Mozambique's President Joaquim) Chissano and are now going to fight Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Mugabe, in his country." The pamphlets also threatened Zambians. On June 14 a contingent of about 100 Renamo guerrillas made its first military strike into Zimbabwe, but was reportedly driven off. On Friday a landmine killed two people and injured 11, travelling on a bus in the south-east. Observers believe Renamo was responsible. Sources yesterday said large numbers of people were leaving the area to fear of further attacks, while several hundred troops were reported to have been sent to Rushinga. The Government has refused to confirm the attack on Rushinga. The band left behind pamphlets in English and the

Norway tries to calm US in arms sale scandal

From Tony Samstag, Oslo. Mr. Johan Joerges Holst, the Norwegian Minister of Defence, is due in Washington tonight to try to limit the damage caused by a long-running arms sale scandal that has tied the Government into knots and brought relations with the United States to an extremely low ebb. Joining Mr. Holst in his effort to appease the ire of the Reagan Administration at the sale by Kongsberg Vaapenfabrik (KV), the state-owned arms manufacturer, of highly sensitive military technology to the Soviet Union will be Mrs. Karin Stoltenberg, Secretary of State in the Department of Trade and, as it happens, the wife of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, who last month sent a similar delegation to Washington with uncertain results. The KV scandal is yet another variation in the sequence of "frangates", but with the twist that this time it seems to have been two staunchly pro-Western nations, Norway and Japan, that betrayed their Western allies. Police and government ministries have spent many months investigating complaints by the Pentagon that Kongsberg and the Japanese electronics firm, Toshiba, had in 1982 and 1983 sold sophisticated computer systems and advanced metal lathes that would enable the Russians to manufacture "silent-running" propellers for submarines. The noise of a submarine's propeller is known as its "signature", and is essential for tracking the vessel's movements. Nato lays down strict guidelines to prevent such sales. Last week Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Prime Minister, apologized to President Reagan for the sale, which in fact had nothing to do with her minority Labour Government but took place during the previous Conservative administration. Mrs. Brundtland wrote that the case had shown the inadequacy of Norwegian controls on exports to Warsaw Pact nations. This inadequacy, she added, had "prompted my Government to initiate new and stricter legislation in this area." The affair has also put at risk a lucrative development project of great strategic importance — on which the financially troubled Norwegian company has been working for some time with large injections of cash from the Pentagon — to adapt Penguin missiles for use on American Sea King helicopters. It has been noted here that Mr. Duncan Hunter, the American congressman who has spearheaded the campaign against KV, represents a constituency in southern California which is the home of several defence manufacturers who would be delighted to see Kongsberg go under. Japanese police have arrested two Toshiba employees and Norwegian authorities have laid a preliminary charge of giving false information on an export licence against a British KV executive, Mr. Bernard Green, aged 49, who could face two years in jail if found guilty. More police raids to confiscate KV documents were reported last week, amid speculation that much more may have been sold to the Soviet Union than has been disclosed, and that the affair may have had more to do with communist espionage than with simple capitalist greed. The Norwegian press reported yesterday allegations in a Japanese newspaper that a Soviet submarine had already been equipped with one of the new silent-running propellers. Norwegian and American defence sources were said to be surprised that such technology could have been developed so quickly. The reports, if true, could lend weight to Russian claims that the sale by KV and Toshiba were of far less military significance than the Pentagon has maintained.

The birthplace of neurology

Active for more than a century, the hospitals have a worldwide reputation for treatment and teaching

Tonight the Princess of Wales, Patron of the National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases, will attend a reception at Guildhall in aid of the Development Foundation's appeal for £9½ million to replace the Victorian part of the hospital.

"If you ask the man in the street," says John Young, Chairman of the Development Foundation, "they've all heard of Guy's and Thomas's and Great Ormond Street, but they don't know much about the National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases."

Most people, he continues, are inclined to imagine that the hospitals deal with mental illness, whereas they are a group of specialist postgraduate teaching hospitals, closely associated with the Institute of Neurology, concentrating entirely on diseases of the nervous system. These include strokes, epilepsy, brain tumours, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease (including senile dementia) and the study of pain, and genetic disorders, such as Huntington's Chorea.

The work of the hospitals began in 1860 when a property in Queen Square was leased and the first patients admitted to the "National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic". This was after the efforts of Louisa and Johanna Chandler, who were dismayed by the lack of treatment for their paralyzed grandmother.

In 1885 a hospital with 100 beds was opened by Edward VII, then Prince of Wales. "It cost £100,000," says John Young, "but buildings wear out and it's 102 years old".

It is a bold decision to decant, demolish and rebuild. John Young joined the board of governors in 1972, as chairman. Very soon he was chairman of the finance committee, and deputy chairman, taking over as chairman from Sir Leslie Williams until 1986, when he insisted on retiring at 65, like everyone else,

and was succeeded by Tom Oakman.

He was then invited to become chairman of the Development Foundation, a trust to raise money to rebuild. Though it has large wards and spacious corridors, and day rooms, the old wards are not up to the standard of modern nursing and technology. The new building will, on the same site, shoehorn in nine floors to the present four.

"The estimate of the cost was originally some £19 million," he says "if which the Department of Health was going to produce only four or five million. We said, if we raised half, would they raise the other half?"

They eventually agreed "after a good deal of stick" so his task is to raise £9½ million. There is the problem of the name of the hospitals, of course. But it was decided to keep the name, and educate the public, who know more about nervous diseases than they realize, he says, pointing to Kenneth More (Parkinson's Dis-



The public know more about such illnesses than they might think

ease), David Niven (motor neurone disease) and the cases of Sir Rudolph Bing and the late Pita Hayworth, both Alzheimer's disease sufferers.

The work will take several years to complete. "First we have to decant the hospital into the Examination Halls on the opposite side of the square, which used to belong to the Royal College of Surgeons. It must be unique — one of the very few buildings built specially for examinations, so it has these long, ward-like rooms."

A combination of foresight and luck provided this alternative. "The RCS were looking for money, so we very soon learned that it was going to be on the market, thanks to Basil Samuel, a

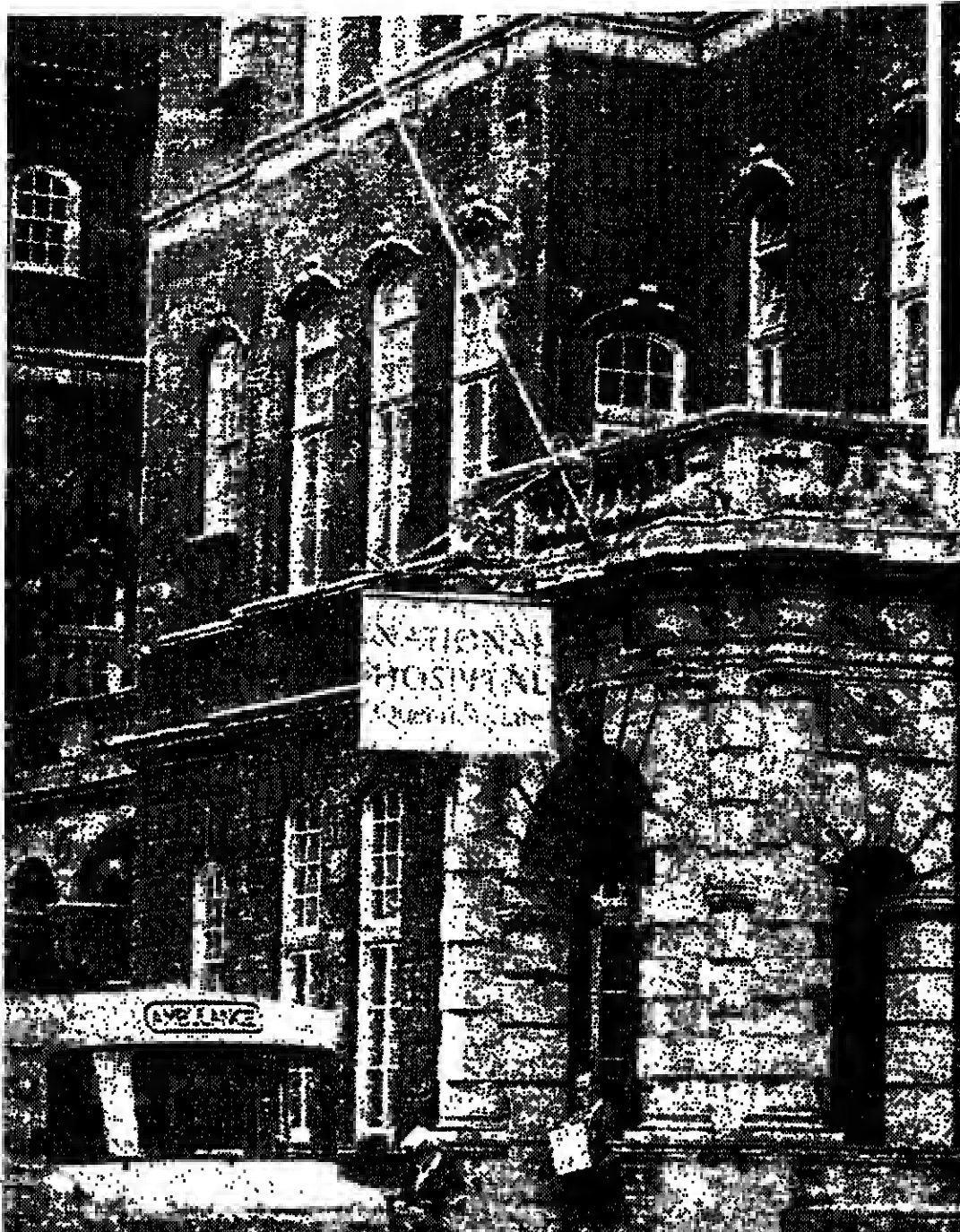
property man and a trustee and member of the board of governors, who had the foresight to say that this was a wonderful opportunity for us. The first idea was to move down the Maida Vale Hospital — but it did not work out that way.

"The asking price was £14 million — we had no money and the Department of Health was not interested. Basil Samuel said I'm going to pay the deposit with my own £100,000, and stumped up, which gave us a year's breathing space." Then they went round to the Department of Health, and they produced the money. It will be three years to refurbish, move, demolish and finish in 1991.

Though the first brain tumour was removed in 1884, it was not until 1903 that the Maida Vale Hospital (with 84 beds), part of the group since 1948, was opened. The hospitals include three other centres — the rehabilitation and convalescent home at Finchley, and the National Hospitals Chalfont Centre for Epilepsy (45 beds). Formerly known as the Colony, it used to have as many as 1,000 people there. "I've been to a funeral of a man of 90, who was admitted when he was five."

One of the most encouraging things that he has seen in his 15 years' association with nervous diseases is the changes in treatment, sometimes appearing almost miraculous — the use of L-dopa in Parkinson's disease, for example. The National Society for Epilepsy has an assessment unit at Chalfont, and it is cheering to find how many people can manage their disease and go back to their lives. Eventually the Maida Vale and Finchley Road premises will be disposed of, and everyone will move into Queen Square.

It is all very expensive. Mr Young said: "We pioneered scanners. In 1972, Basil Samuel gave all the money for the first scanner." Prince Charles opened the MRI (magnetic resonance imager) in 1984, spending the best part of a day in the hospital. Not only did they have the first joint



The hospital, awaiting new premises, and John Young, Development Foundation chairman

private and NHS scanner, by arrangement with BUPA, but they now have an MRI dedicated entirely to research into multiple sclerosis.

So where is the money coming from? "We've set up the foundation, and then we've set up a number of fund-raising committees, the foremost and most important of which is the City Committee — 10 prominent members of the City, who in turn have written off, or spoken to their friends and associates."

"I'm a brewer for the last 25 years he has been chairman and

managing director of Young's Breweries) so I've written to 32 brewers asking them to give me some money — and most of them have started paying up."

There have been gifts — a very notable one from a patient, the wife of the Ruler of Dubai. "She was very ill with a tumour, and she came in here for a few days — there was a 50/50 chance of her surviving," said Mr Young. She wrote on a pad that she had never felt so loved and well cared for and whatever happened, we were to have £2 million."

She survived a few days, but

died, and the Ambassador came round two days later with £2 million. Other patients have given. The Bernard Sunley Trust has given £500,000 foundations and charitable trusts have been generous.

Even the Department of Health, he allows "have been pretty kind to us". He recalls going into a pub in Iwer that sells his beer, and noticing the man behind the bar had multiple sclerosis. He got talking to the licensee, who said they had £850 left over from fund-raising, and rashly added that they didn't know what to do with it. John Young told him that they



were trying to replace the beds (all pre-war) and that £850 was the exact sum for the first bed. "So we made a great fuss about this and suddenly we had £100,000 from the department and changed all the beds."

So far they have raised £6 million, before, as the chairman points out with some glee, the appeal has really begun.

To maintain a centre of excellence, and a referral centre for the whole country, they have to battle all the time. They specialize in rare conditions, perhaps a dozen people a year, and they treated Lord Spencer, the Princess of Wales's father, after his stroke. She knows the hospital well from personal experience.

It has a high reputation worldwide, and trains 90 per cent of the neurologists in this country.

The esteem the National Hospitals are held in is illustrated by a story he tells of observing in Queen Square "a man who looked exceedingly shifty, as if he was about to commit a felony, or if not, was very much lost."

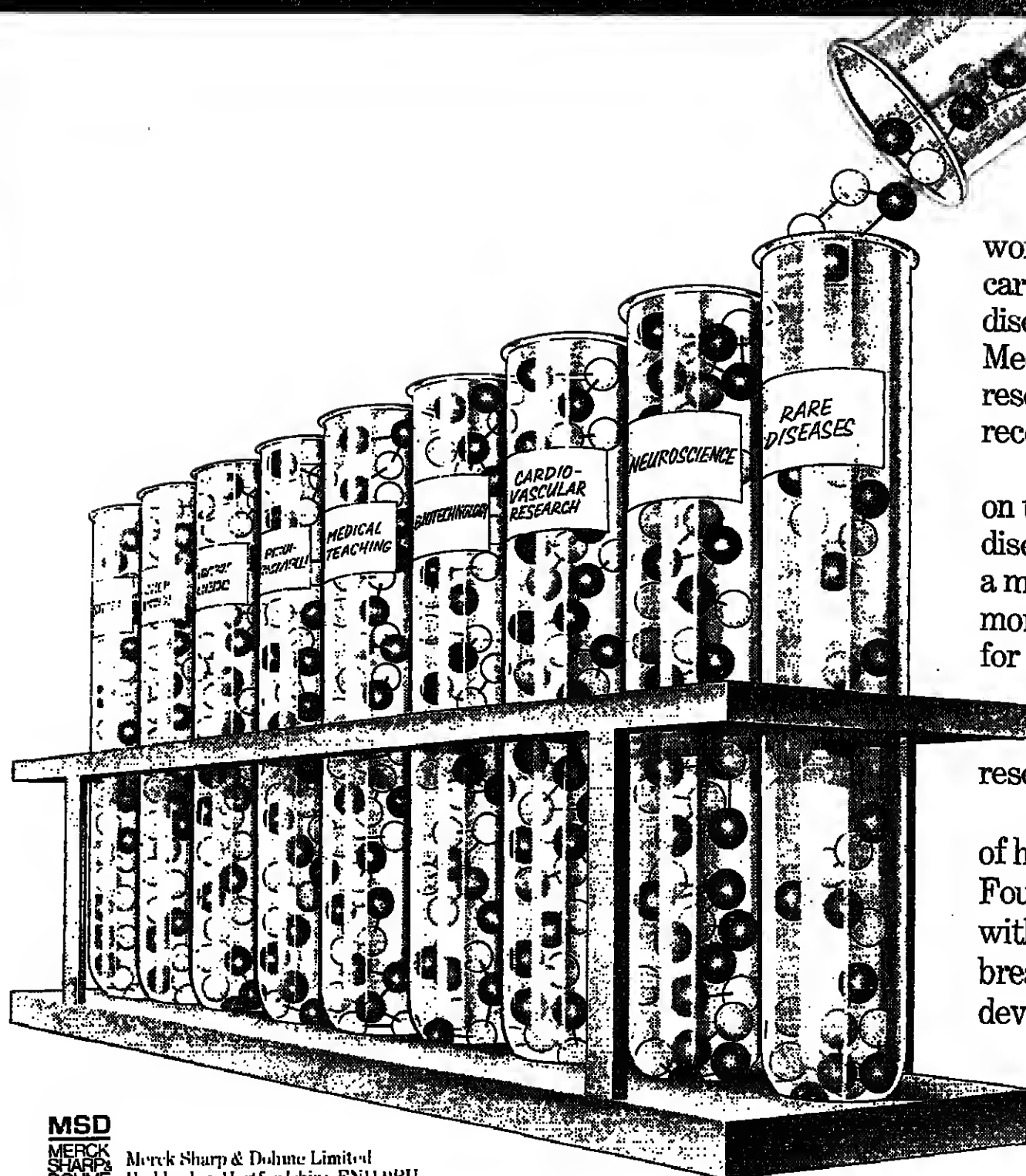
He went down into Queen Square and accosted the stranger. No, said the man in a Canadian accent, he was not lost. "I've come to Mecca, you wouldn't understand, but I'm a neurologist from Toronto, and this is my first holiday with my wife. She said she would come to London so long as we don't go to hospitals or have anything to do with doctors."

Staying in a hotel around the corner from Queen Square, he had slipped out, to see, as he put it, where neurology was born. "So I said, you're pretty lucky, because you've fallen upon the chairman, and I'll take you in. We met almost everyone, including the Dean, and it just about made his day."

Philippa Toomey

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The Age of the Brain is approaching

We are now entering the Age of the Brain, says Alan Crookard, a surgeon at the National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases, who is among those expecting great advances soon in neurological medicine.

Certainly the discoveries and innovations in recent years give Mr Crookard's prediction a believable ring.

The treatment of Parkinson's disease, one of the most devastating illnesses dealt with at the hospitals, has come a long way even since the mid-1950s when an electrode was first inserted into the affected area of a patient's brain to relieve the tremors.

Research into Parkinsonism is a particular example that gives hope. The operation that began to be performed about 30 years ago had a degree of success. Some patients, whose affliction was condemning them to progressive rigidity and tremor of the limbs suddenly found themselves mobile again. The operation was less of a success with other patients. Today it is performed only occasionally.

Since about 1970 the drug L-dopa has gradually replaced

leading to progressive debilitation and paralysis.

Present thinking is that it may be a disorder with an immunological basis. The comparison with AIDS is inescapable — in both diseases the immune system is damaged.

Dr Peter Gautier-Smith, chairman of the medical committee at the hospitals, says: "It is possible that in multiple sclerosis the damage is done first by a virus in the teens. I am sure that with the research into AIDS there will be an explosion of discovery."

The National Hospitals' other vital contribution to multiple sclerosis sufferers is in attitudes to the disease. The approach is based on acceptance and positive thinking, helping patients to improve the quality of their lives.

Many victims of strokes — there are 250,000 every year — are treated at the hospitals. A stroke is a general term for a haemorrhage, thrombosis or embolism in an artery in the brain. The main causes are a congenital weakness in an artery wall and high blood pressure.

Probably the hospitals' most useful role is in prevention. The magnetic resonance imager in the basement in Queen Square can identify problems at an early stage so that prompt treatment can be given to avoid a stroke.

Another tip from the specialists is dietary, go easy on animal fat and salt.

For patients after the event the hospitals offer rehabilitation through physiotherapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy. The latter is developed beyond the basket-making stage and helps patients to fend for themselves.

The hospitals are at the forefront of epilepsy treatment. They have introduced a telemetry service, involving watching patients on video and taking electro-encephalogram (brain and heart) readings. This diagnosis process is followed by tailoring up-to-date treatment to individual patients with careful monitoring.

The medication monitoring — getting the right dosage of the right drug — is often done at the epilepsy unit at Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

Parkinsonism, multiple sclerosis, strokes and epilepsy,

Scanners are valuable tools in locating and treating tumours

it seems, have always been with us. Today's new name, though not new illness, is Alzheimer's disease. A particular interest is displayed in this old person's disease, typified by dementia, wandering, degeneration of the personality and declining self-care, because so many more people are now living past 80.

This perplexing disease, once thought of as just loss of mental powers in old age, has a definite physical cause — brain atrophy. Dr Gautier-Smith explains the latest theory: "It is probably an enzyme deficiency of some sort. In the brain you produce a chemical at a nerve ending and this has to act on a receptor. There is a good chance that the problem is on the chemical side."

Even brain tumours, which in the past have almost made doctors wring their hands in despair, are being approached positively. A glioma, or cerebral cancer growth, is very difficult to treat because it grows into the brain tissue. "Removing one is like trying to separate salt and sugar," says Dr Gautier-Smith.

The hospital's scanners are valuable tools in diagnosing and locating a tumour accurately, and chemotherapy, radiotherapy and new forms

of surgery are the most common treatments, followed usually by counselling.

The 1980s tumour surgery involves improved anaesthesia and the use of a microscope and an electrode. The microscope both magnifies the operation site and directs a powerful light into the brain. As a result surgery can be performed in previously inaccessible parts of the brain and without disturbing sensitive areas too much.

Tiny samples can also be removed by the electrode, and these can be artificially grown in the laboratory and studied.

Mr Crookard, the surgeon who predicted the arrival of the Age of the Brain, has also been using a revolutionary method of surgery on the upper spine for the past four years. If an operation is required in the area where the brain joins the spinal column, he reaches the site via the mouth. This unusual technique is especially useful in operations to relieve pressure on nerves in the cervical spinal area caused by rheumatoid arthritis.

Brian Collett



Making the waiting easier: time for tea and sandwiches in the outpatients' hall

A proud claim, difficult to beat

The claim of the National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases is a proud one. No one denies they have a worldwide reputation as a centre of excellence for the diagnosis and treatment of the diseases of the nervous system.

The reputation is earned because of the high technology available and the variety of methods used in the detective work on patients.

The scanners in use are becoming widely known. The hospitals' two magnetic resonance imagers (MRIs) produce photographic-style pictures with the use of short

pulses of radio-frequency energy.

The two computerized tomography scanners (CTs) follow a similar procedure but use X-rays and produce photographs at 1 mm intervals. A main difference is

that the Accurate picture from cross-fertilization

CT shows up hard bone and is used to diagnose damage or other abnormalities of the bone. One of the MRIs, installed three years ago, is used specifically for diagnosing multiple sclerosis. It was

actually funded by the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The second MRI was installed two years ago under a collaborative agreement between the NHS and BUPA, the private health group. Dr

Ed Thompson, son's chemical pathology department

uses a technology of flashing lights to discover abnormalities in the cerebrospinal fluid drawn from the spinal cord through a process known as a lumbar puncture. A preponderance of anti-

bodies indicates multiple sclerosis. The enzyme count shows the progress of a tumour.

"A general hospital would not have this wide range of facilities," said Dr Thompson. "Here we have chemical pathologists, microbiologists, radiologists and others. There is a cross-fertilization and together they can produce an accurate picture."

Another tribute to the National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases is that other hospitals send cerebrospinal fluid specimens to Dr Thompson's laboratory for expert analysis.

Hi-tech with a heart

A special type of experience awaits the young woman who goes into neurological nursing, writes Brian Collett.

At the National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases she is called on to exercise her powers of observation to the limit. She plays a vital part by detecting the changes in a patient's condition or behaviour that provide the physician with significant information and could influence treatment.

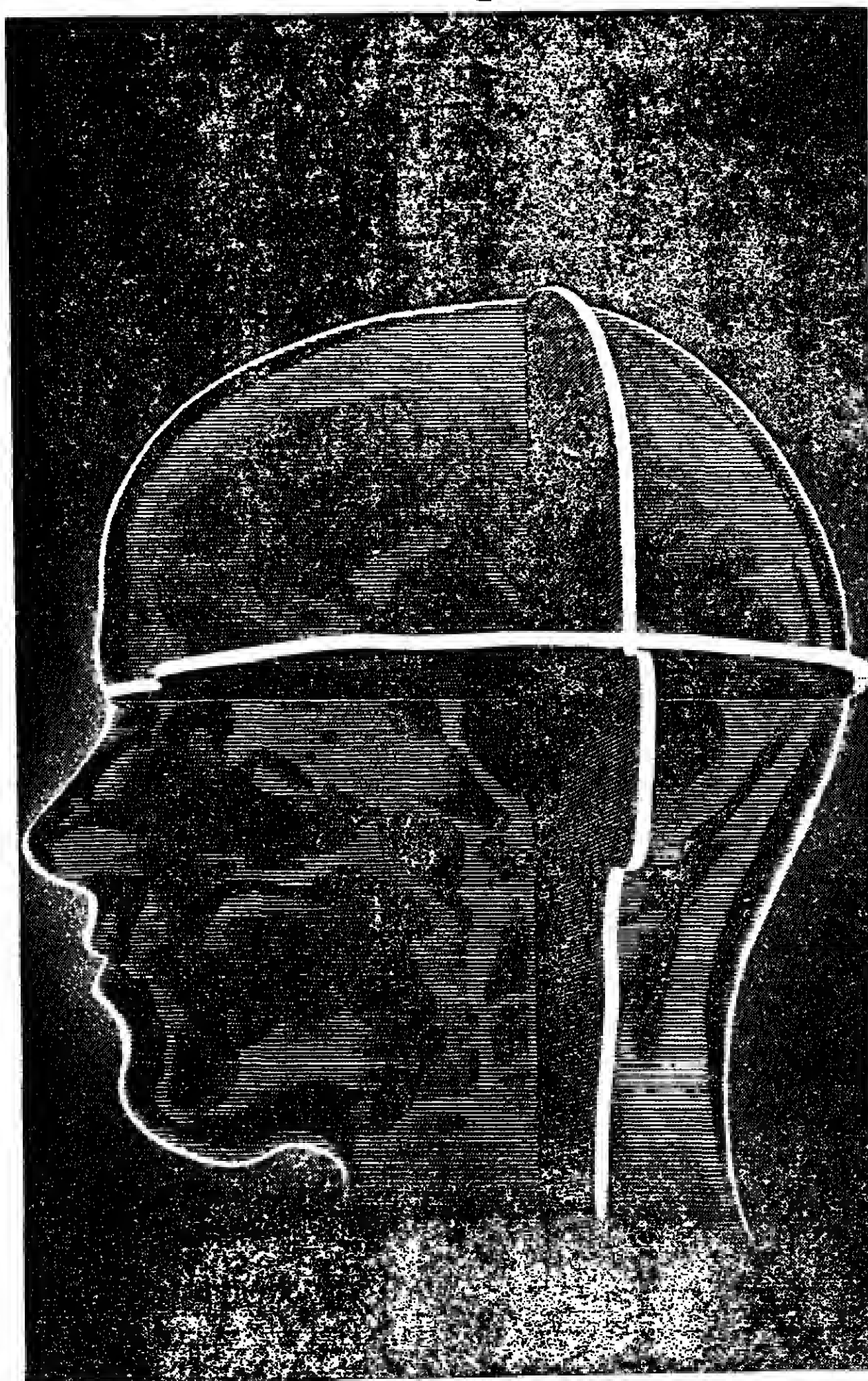
She comes into contact with high-tech equipment, particularly the sophisticated life support system that monitors a patient's functions. She also finds her natural sensitivities brought into play to comfort patients and families.

"In fact, all her nursing expertise has to be used," says Matron Barbara Johnston.

A neurological nursing course is offered at the hospitals. It is approved by the English National Board, the statutory body governing the education and training of nurses, and is open to Registered General Nurses, formerly SRNs, and Enrolled Nurses, the former SENs.

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Inner-city gossip

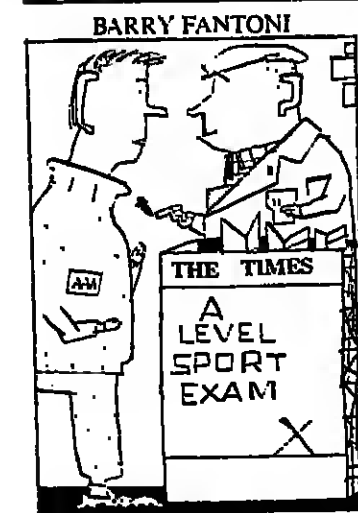
Just a week after ministers settled into their new offices Lord Young, the new Trade Secretary, has grabbed for himself the government's major initiative — the inner cities. Not only has he taken with him the Employment department's inner city brief, and already seized the first publicity opportunities from Nicholas Ridley, who stayed on as Environment Secretary, but he has apparently installed an ally in the rival camp at the DoE. He is David Trippier, who failed to win promotion in last week's reshuffle and simply moved across from Employment to Environment where he remains a junior minister. But his links with Lord Young go back a long way: he was Young's Parliamentary Secretary at the DTI, where he was responsible for small businesses, and went with his mentor to Employment, taking his small-business responsibilities with him. Although his loyalty to Ridley will be unquestioned, Lord Young would be unlikely to find him unsympathetic or uninformed on inner city questions.

Listing

English Heritage, the quango responsible for giving consent to the demolition of listed buildings, is infuriated by its inclusion in a list of 126 supporters of Peter Palumbo's Mansion House redevelopment scheme. The new plan, consisting of a James Stirling design, requires the demolition of eight Grade Two listed buildings, including Mappin and Webb, and will be discussed by City planners today. "Frankly we are very angry," Robert Vigers, Heritage's London advisory chairman, tells me. "We think the proposal is the best of a bad bunch and that's all. We are likely to refuse permission for demolition." Meanwhile, the Georgian Group is also angry at being included in the list. It says that since the buildings are Victorian, it has remained neutral in the debate. The City Corporation has promised to read the letters of protest at today's meeting.

It's a gas

With President Chun Doo Hwan considering martial law after 12 days of riots, was this the week for the Korean National Tourism Corporation to place an advertisement in *Punch* that began "Times have certainly changed in what was once 'The Hermit Kingdom'." The copywriter motors blithely on: "For nearly 5,000 years Korea has been a haven of calm, natural beauty, and culture. It still is."



There's talk of random drug tests before each sitting

Big-hearted

Character actor Arthur English (the overalls one in *Are You Being Served?*) was unsure whether of his youthful audience at Guildford School of Acting, where he presented the passing-out diplomas this weekend, that he provided each graduate with a signed photograph of himself along with the certificate.

Plucked out

The Library Association magazine *Review* has — somewhat belatedly since he died a year ago — published its own appreciation of Jorge Luis Borges. Concentrating on a relatively unexplored area of the writer's life, it relates: "In his late 30s and early 40s, he was a municipal librarian in Buenos Aires, a post from which he was demoted by Peron to that of inspector of poultry."

Wages have certainly improved since George Orwell's day: the job of Wigan piermaster is being advertised at a salary of £13,000. Before you all write in, yes I know, it's for the museum curator's post.

Royal rescue

The Queen Mother has stepped in to help save Britain's oldest art school from closure. Although the Heatherley School of Fine Art has been told not to disclose the size of the royal gift, it has taken close to its target the school's £350,000 appeal, launched in November, to buy its Chelsea premises from the London Residuary Body. The school, whose past students include Lewis Carroll and Evelyn Waugh, is also hopeful that the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea will facilitate the sale by buying the other half of the building. It still, however, needs a further £100,000 for repairs and new studios.

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Bridging the North-South divide is one of the greatest challenges facing Mrs Thatcher's new government. Last week the Conservatives announced plans to restrict Labour power in the inner cities and a further 1 per cent reduction in unemployment in the North-east. But neither of these welcome developments goes to the heart of the split that makes this such a dis-united Kingdom.

After spending three weeks campaigning as Conservative candidate in a North-eastern constituency I am convinced that the North-South divide doesn't start in the South. Yes, there is lamentable ignorance of life north of Watford. Yes, few southerners know the truth of the bleak landscape and the remarkable vigour of the people. Yes, some believe the North comprises whippers and welfare scroungers. But that is not the source of the North-South divide. The attitude that feeds, and probably generates, it starts in the North.

It is a bitter prejudice against the South and all that it is believed to stand for. And it is a prejudice that can be fanned into violence, as the physical attack on the Conservative candidate for the North showed. I heard the South, which it has been taught to believe is all grimace and glitter, booming and prospering. That economic gap must be narrowed, and I believe will be narrowed. But first the prejudice must be tackled and beaten, because it is that which stands in the way of the North-east getting its fair share of the national cake.

The prejudice is crucial to Labour's 50-year grip on the region, and nothing would do more to loosen it than an infusion of southern prosperity. Do you ever hear Labour MPs or councillors welcoming a fall in unemployment? The silence is deafening, because Labour's power requires high unemployment. Labour requires the poor housing of vast council estates for its ballot box army to provide its MPs and councillors with a degree of job security that even a civil servant might dream of.

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What can be done to bring it hope and wealth? First, and by far the most important, is that the region must stop thinking of itself as a failure and look at examples of either actual or potential success. Newcastle's Metro Centre, for example, is a major retailing innovation but how many people in the South have heard of it? In Bishop Auckland I found many examples, such as the Innovation Centre operating from the local technical college. Here business ideas (ranging from a revolutionary yacht to a new type of automatic gearbox) were being nurtured.

What would the Tories give for Dr David Owen? Two previous owners and more than 50,000 miles on the clock, the Social Democrat's "Batmobile" has, nevertheless, a strong appeal to Conservative supporters in the party's heartlands. It goes without saying that they have no time for Kinlock. "I can't bear to look at him," was the view of a Hampshire Tory with whom I danced the night away last Saturday. David Steel does little for Conservatives ("too small, too Scottish") but at the mention of the Good Doctor a gleam came into my partner's eye. "He's a Tory, of course," she murmured.

Is he? This view of Dr Owen has been devoutly held by Labour party supporters for some time. Liberals have come strongly to suspect it, while Tories for whom a Man on a White Horse has a traditional appeal (Headline rode one, but it bolted) think they see in Owen a valuable recruit into the senior ranks of a party which lacks excitement. Over a wine cup in a draughty barn I put the question to a group of dancers. "He should be one of us," was the general view. After all, he looks like a Tory. And Mrs Thatcher cannot live for ever.

I am not sure about the latter proposition. Nevertheless Mrs Thatcher and David Owen do have certain qualities in common. Were I a psychologist I might explain Mrs Thatcher's appeal in this way. It is better to be smacked than to be ignored.

We Tories have been smarting for years. Exhorted, upbraided and frequently told to "brace up", we may well have developed a taste for it. "David Owen is a leader" was the view of a retired officer of field rank, and there is, of course, a place for leadership in politics, although I would like to think it need not always be conducted from the front.

For Tories, Dr Owen does look the part. He is a plain patriot with little time for the Liberals' beard-and-sandals brigade of disarmers, and even less for Labour's neutralists. He would keep the bomb, and were the Chiefs of Staff to plump for Trident, he would do so. "He came of age over the Falklands" was the view of my Hampshire general.

On television, where most political battles are fought and

Prejudice that debars prosperity

by Robin Wight

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The truth is that southern business values are the only genuine solution to the problems of the North-east. That does not mean City chicanery. But it does mean a whole-hearted espousal of personal wealth creation and a

rejection of the handout philosophy of socialist failure. The government, of course, has a role in all this, but not the role it had in the past.

If government money were the answer, the problems of the North-east would have been solved already. It has received £20 billion, £1 billion in the last year alone. The switch by Norman Tebbit when he was Secretary for Trade and Industry from capital-linked aid to job-linked aid was correct. So was the decision to bring private money in via urban development corporations instead of just public sector finance. Not only does this bring in more money (London Docklands now get £5 privately for every £1 it gets publicly) but it brings in money that is wholeheartedly committed to wealth creation, not just making costly gestures at the taxpayer's expense.

There are two areas, however, where government help can be better coordinated. It is often hard to find out what government aid is available. Given that 80 per cent of regional development grants go to small businesses, then the inevitable bureaucracy of grant giving must be simplified if recipients are to find their way through the maze.

Second, reluctant as I am to impose another layer of administration, it may be that a North-east task force leader should be appointed from within an existing ministry to blast away any bureaucratic logjam that the overlapping of different ministerial responsibilities in the same part of Britain unintentionally creates.

All this will help. But it will not solve the problem. To do that the North-east must hang on to its pride while abandoning its prejudice.

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Julian Critchley sounds Tory opinion on a possible new recruit

How far right for Owen?



lost, he comes across as a handsome man with a decent haircut, whose boyish grin may be a touch contrived but it does serve to enhance the rigour of his message.

Owen is always properly turned out. He is not the sort to wear a rose in his buttonhole, a custom which, according to Noel Coward, was once the preserve of station masters. He also appears not to be afraid of telling the truth, a habit which endears him to Tories in particular, smacking as it does of Protestant rectitude. And he would be good with foreigners, putting them in their place. As a politician he is a headmaster, just as Mrs Thatcher is a headmistress. Under Dr Owen, the "old school" would stay in good hands.

Whether or not Dr Owen were ever to take refuge in the 1922 committee, there can be no doubt that we Tories already owe him much. Whatever the hyperbole

surrounding Mrs Thatcher's hat-trick (Harold Macmillan increased the party's majority in 1959), two factors combined to ensure the Conservative victory: the return of prosperity and the division of our opponents into two warring camps, the Alliance determined to replace Labour as the main party of opposition, while Labour strove to replace the Conservatives in government.

We are in David Owen's debt. We owe, in great part, two successive general election victories to him and the three other members of the Gang of Four. By quitting the Labour Party in 1981 they gave the Eighties to Mrs Thatcher. Would we, in turn, give the Nineties to Dr Owen?

Were Owen to make an appointment to see David Waddington, the newly appointed government chief whip, with a view to applying for membership, he, at least,

would not be treated as if he were an Asian immigrant. Owen's views would fit harmoniously into today's Tory party. The "social market", presumably, a blend of market economics and social compassion, a product that would be marketable among Conservatives from Sir Ian Gilmour to John Biffen.

His belief in Europe would match that of the more progressive Tories, who have long chafed under Mrs Thatcher's barely disguised hostility towards further integration. Owen's views on the European Monetary Fund would not be out of place in the Chancellor's room at the Treasury. He would not, it is true, share the prejudices so dear to the heart of the simpler Tory, namely the return of hanging, the iniquity of the BBC and the infallibility of the Prime Minister, but that need not disqualify. Were Conservative Centre Forward to survive, the departure of Francis Pym, Owen would be among its earliest recruits. And as for the party, even with 363 Tories to a bed, there could always be room for one more.

Were Owen to come over, bringing with him John Cartwright, the SDP's spokesman on defence, his induction would be marked by no simple ceremony. Mrs Thatcher would say she had expected it all along. The Tory contenders for the leadership would be called upon in turn to make short speeches of welcome, an interlude that would, of itself, be worth the price of admission. Mr Cranley Onslow, chairman of the 1922 Committee, would present Dr Owen to the massed ranks of his members. Mr Harvey Thomas would thank God.

After a decent interval during which Owen would be expected to confess all to the Tory party conference at Blackpool, and to be civil to Jeffrey Archer, he would be appointed to middle-ranking office in a dull ministry. He would be driven into obscurity in an Austin Princess. Owen's chances of leading the Tory party would necessitate a third world war. Even for those of us who admire his talents, that would seem a high price to pay.

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Andrew Gamble

Cutting defence down to size

Hyperbole flourishes at every general election but this time the politicians outdid themselves, mainly over defence. Labour was bitterly denounced for breaking the bipartisan consensus on defence that had existed for 40 years, and its unilateralism was singled out as exposing the party's new extremism.

For the Conservatives and Alliance, Labour's defence policy was not just another election issue. It made Labour unfit to govern. When Dr Owen was asked whether he would prefer to form a coalition with Labour or the Conservatives, he declared without hesitation that his ultimate test for a political party was its attitude to Britain's defence and security. Mrs Thatcher said she would quite understand if the Chiefs of Staff declined to serve under a Labour government elected on a unilateralist platform.

Labour was branded as a pariah party, one that could not be trusted with Britain's defences and therefore could not be trusted with government at all. President Reagan obligingly informed the electorate that the special relationship between Britain and the US had "survived" previous Labour governments but that Labour's present policy contained "grievous errors" and would have to be changed.

Labour undoubtedly lost support on defence — by as much as 5 per cent of the vote, according to its own private polls. Part of its problem was that it never seemed to sort out whether the kernel of its policy was a moral stand against all nuclear weapons or a pragmatic case for defending Britain by non-nuclear means.

The second arrangement was grossly misrepresented and misunderstood. It required Enoch Powell, making one of his famous general election interventions, to inject some realism into the debate by presenting a traditional Conservative view on defence and implicitly endorsing Labour's approach.

Powell is no sudden convert to a non-nuclear defence policy. He advocated it to bemused Conservative party conferences after Edward Heath appointed him shadow defence minister. Once a prominent supporter of Empire and Britain's imperial mission, Powell argued that withdrawal from Empire was irreversible and that a fundamental reassessment of Britain's world role was required, particularly in relation to defence. Powell wanted to see politicians discard their illusions about Britain's status as a great power and forge a new national identity.

Powell was not alone in the 1960s in seeing the discarding of these illusions about Britain's world role as vital for adapting the British people to their new status as members of a vulnerable and dependent economy within a highly competitive international

order. Jo Grimond, during his period as Liberal leader, constantly emphasized that if Britain was to escape the consequences of its relative economic decline it needed to attach firm priority to policies that promoted "growth, not grandeur".

However, governments generally preferred to put grandeur before growth. They maintained policies which gave Britain a disproportionately high defence budget, large military overseas spending, and the biasing of research and development expenditure towards military rather than commercial projects.

The most wasteful feature of this bipartisan policy was the independent nuclear deterrent, purchased at ever increasing expense from the Americans. It became a symbol of Britain's reluctance to change traditional attitudes and assumptions. As Powell remarked on another occasion, the problem with the British independent nuclear deterrent is that it is neither independent, nor a deterrent.

One principal reason for the failure of the attempts in the 1960s to turn Britain into a prosperous and competitive society was the persistence of debilitating myths about Britain's proper role in the world. No project of modernization is likely to succeed until these myths are punctured and discarded.

It is a measure of the limited modernization which the Thatcher government has so far undertaken that its efforts have mostly been devoted to challenging the consensus that has sustained industrial structures and practices rooted in the 19th century. It has not challenged but reinforced the consensus on defence. Mrs Thatcher has long been the foremost defender of the traditional conception of Britain's role and responsibilities.

As the election showed, it is still hardly possible to have a rational discussion of these issues without being deluged by talk of white flags and surrender. Confronted by Sir Robin Day with Enoch Powell's views on defence, Mrs Thatcher appeared unable to comprehend the point that was being put to her. Asked by Jonathan Dimbleby why, if Britain needed nuclear weapons for its security, all other sovereign states should not acquire them, she replied: "This is not an ordinary country."

Until Britain comes to terms with being an "ordinary country", and its governments give up the self-defeating and impoverishing quest for "greatness", its decline is unlikely to be reversed. By challenging the old ideological consensus on defence, Labour has identified for the future a key component of any serious programme of modernization and reform.

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however... Henry Stanhope

On a wing and a prayer

Thomson Holidays are picking a team of flying vicars to minister to the spiritual needs of Britons wintering abroad. Not to be outdone, Ladbrokes are offering to send mothers-in-law free of charge to join families on the Costa del Scarborough and other British sunspots next month.

This is very good news. How many of us have not felt as we sip our morning ouszo beside the Aegean, clamber through the dust up Mount Vesuvius, or scan the turbulent waters of the Solent from the Isle of Wight ferry, that what we really need to complete our happiness is a visit from the vicar and our mother-in-law.

There you are, stretched out on a beach in the Algarve, sleepy with the sound of children playing and the whoosh of breaking waves, trying hard to forget the acute discomfort of third degree sunburn and dyspepsia, when a long shadow falls across one's towel.

"Ah, there you are, Mr Smith-Smith," intones a familiar voice. "I've come about the church tower restoration..." And before you know what's happening you're running the white elephant stall at the bring and buy sale outside the local bodega.

The thing is that an Englishman has grown so used to his home being his castle that he likes to take some of the battlements away with him. Once ensconced behind them, "abroad" might not seem such a bad place after all.

Some friends of ours took their Scrabble board to Tunis and spent their entire holiday quarrelling over *Chambers* on the balcony of their room. Others have taken cassette players so they could listen to *Yes Minister* on tape when they got bored.

Their forefathers, of course, constructed cricket pitches, clubs and redbrick churches to carry spiritual and material comfort round the Empire. Now the Empire, represented by Benidorm, Majorca and Corfu, tends to provide such things for us — like roast beef, English chips and Watney's draught.

I see no reason therefore why the initiative now being taken should not be developed in everyone's interest. If you take your vicar and mother-in-law on holiday, why not your doctor, schoolteacher, next-door neighbour and Uncle Wally? It is what

is sometimes called the extended family, best exemplified in parts of the Third World and Balmoral. It's all partly to do with the weather. We are so used to it raining at home that we fear it might do abroad. That is why most of the bulging suitcases at Heathrow are packed with paperbacks and Monopoly boards — just in case Agatha Christie made a fortune out of this.

But fear of boredom is universal. Presumably that is why the late Aristotle Onassis kept inviting dozens of people aboard his yacht. If you're cruising in luxury round the Med, without even the washing up or ironing to do, time could hang somewhat heavily on your hauds. I say "presumably" since I am unlikely to enjoy the pleasure of finding out — and frankly if I had to put up with a lot of free-loading friends cluttering up the bathroom in the morning, I'd throw them overboard and face the consequences.

Different people have solved it at different times in different ways. The Welsh, in the days before they started going to Spain like everyone else, used to spend their summer holidays at towns like Llandrindod Wells and Aberystwyth. As neither place was famous for its high life, they used to amuse themselves by singing hymns.

I know of one village which travelled virtually en masse to Llanwrtyd Wells, the Baden-Baden of Brecknock in its day, and went to a different chapel every night — Wesleyan one night, Baptist the next... well a change is as good as a rest, as one of them once reminded me.

Passengers on jumbo jets are entertained by films in a desperate attempt to prevent them from trying to climb out. The airlines are now planning individual screens, in case anyone has seen the movie in his section.

Once, accompanying the Territorial Army on the biggest allied exercise since Waterloo or something, I was mildly surprised to find the troops being entertained to *Emmanuelle* in the cinema on their cross-Channel ferry — to provide them with spiritual comfort of a kind.

I'm not sure that our vicar could compete with that. But I know he will do his best at the bring and Buyella.

Renaissance of a master craftsman

The rediscovery of George Bullock, a furniture maker of the calibre of Chippendale, though he worked in the Regency period, is developing from one extraordinary coincidence to another.

Christie's sale of the contents of Great Tew Park in Oxfordshire earlier this month marked the sudden recognition of his stature by the art market. Now it emerges that he was chosen to furnish Napoleon's home on St Helena and, simultaneously, a magnificent suite which he made for a Portuguese ambassador to London will be sold at Christie's on Thursday.

Furniture historians have been seeking to identify Bullock pieces for years. He was known to have worked for the Duke of Athol at Blair Castle, for Sir Walter Scott at Abbotsford and for James Watt, the inventor of the steam engine. But the bulk of his creations seemed lost.

Then came Tew, a whole house full of his furniture for sale. Bids regularly multiplied Christie's price estimates by ten and a mahogany cabinet, applied with big, bold chunks of ornate, set a new price record for his work at £110,000. Bullock was commissioned to furnish the house in 1815 but the bookcases, cabinets, tables, chairs, sofas, beds and

other furnishings delivered two years later had escaped the notice of the *cognoscenti* until Christie's were called in to disperse them.

The house had remained in the same family until 1985 when it was bequeathed, together with the estate, to Mr James Johnson. Conscientiously exploring his inheritance, a dilapidated house filled with a random accumulation of family possessions, he found in the strong room a despatch box of the Regency period containing Bullock's bills and a voluminous correspondence about the furnishing of the house.

The furniture, seen suddenly in quantity, revealed the great originality of Bullock's design. The clean elegant lines, which the Regency called "Grecian", gain enormously in interest from bold, simple inlays of leaves and flowers. He used ornate, or sculpted ornaments in gilded wood and gesso, to punctuate and embellish.

The Tew furniture, however, is a toned down version of Bullock to suit a modest country residence. His palace furniture uses elaborate inlays of brass, ebony and polished wood topped with slabs of coloured marble from his own quarries on the island of Anglesey. "Mona marble", as he called it, used the old Welsh name.

It was references to Mona

marble that led Clive Wainwright of the Victoria and Albert Museum to discover that Bullock had supplied Napoleon's St Helena furnishings, but by a circuitous route. A prize-winning essay on the history of Anglesey, read at an early 19th century Eisteddfod, threw in a reference to Bullock having sent a marble table to Napoleon on St Helena.

Intrigued, Wainwright looked further. When Napoleon arrived on St Helena the British were quite unprepared for him and he was housed in a farm called Old Longwood House. When the conditions in which he was living became known in Britain there was an uproar and after a stormy debate in Parliament, the Prince Regent took a hand in seeing that something was done. William Atkinson, chief architect to the Board of Ordnance, was commissioned to build the former emperor a 56-room prefabricated bungalow from materials shipped out from Woolwich.

Atkinson's name rang bells with Wainwright. He had designed Sir Walter Scott's pseudo-baronial hall at Abbotsford for which Bullock supplied the furniture, a friendly collaboration documented in Scott's papers. It seemed perfectly possible that Atkinson should have roped in Bullock to

supply the St Helena house as well. In the Public Record Office, lurking among bills for cannonballs and gunpowder in the Board of Ordnance archives, Wainwright found Bullock's designs. They are plans for complete rooms with the four walls flattened out to show the furniture that should stand against them.

Now comes another rediscovery. The Duke of Palmella, Portuguese ambassador to Britain from 1812 to 1815, ordered a suite of furniture from Bullock which has been slumbering in a grand old house in Lisbon for the last 20 years, following the death of his grandson, the Visconde de Torrao. It was recently identified and bought by a London art dealer, a distant relation of the family, for whom Christie's is selling it on Thursday.

This suite is Bullock at his most opulent, palace furniture with ornate, brass inlay, Mona marble and, most astonishing of all, the original striped silk upholstery.

In February and March next year exhibitions of his work organized by the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool and Blairman's in London will reveal his stature to a wider public.

Geraldine Norman

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IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

For a state built on the belief that politics proceeds from economics and not vice versa, a decline in economic fortunes presents special difficulties. Ultimately, it challenges the right of the rulers to rule, for if the economy does not work, how can the political system be judged a success? This is a problem the Soviet leadership has been wrestling with since the beginning of the 1980s. A full meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee, due to be held this week, is expected to reveal the extent of its readiness to change.

Four years ago a closed meeting in the Kremlin heard one of the country's senior economists say that the Soviet economic system was hopelessly obsolete. A set of principles devised to foster progress in 19th century Europe and put into practice in the Russia of the mid-1920s was, she said, wholly inadequate to meet the requirements of the late 20th century. Her clear, but unstated, inference was that Marxism-Leninism as a determinant of the Soviet economy had to be modified at the very least if the Soviet Union was to continue being considered a world power.

Those conclusions appear to have haunted Mr Gorbachev ever since he became General Secretary 27 months ago. He is presiding over a stagnant, wasteful and inefficient economy. So much he knew when he took office and so much he could blame, for a while, on the ineptitude of his predecessors. But he is also presiding over a set of economic targets he himself endorsed at the beginning of 1985, targets that envisage a doubling of the growth rate by the turn of the century. Two years on, these targets are simply not being met.

It is possible to trace Mr Gorbachev's interest in political change — experiments in multi-candidate elections and secret ballots, encouragement to non-communists to participate in affairs of state — to his gradual realization that the crucial end-of-century targets were already out of reach and that mere exhortation was not going to be enough. Something had to give, and that something was the political as well as the economic system.

Such a shift in emphasis, from economics to politics as the initial force for progress, is a theoretical minefield. It opens Mr Gorbachev and those of his team who support political change to the charge that they have forsaken the tenets by which, in theory, the Communist Party justifies its power. It is this charge which

could eventually be brought against the Gorbachev leadership by those whose interest lie in stalling economic change — and there are many of them.

At the top are those in ministries and central planning institutions whose empires depend on the labyrinthine workings of the directed economy remaining intact. In the middle are those managers who stand to inherit some of the responsibility devolved from the centre but who fear the additional risks they will be expected to take. At the bottom are people used to making little effort in return for small rewards, people who might once have shown initiative but whose sense of enterprise has been stifled by the system. Their lives are not always comfortable, at least not by Western standards, but they are secure.

This security is now under threat by legislation which has been under discussion for the past six months and is due to be presented in its final form at this week's Central Committee meeting: the law on state enterprises. As first outlined, it might be only another rearrangement of the bureaucracy, in which case it will go the same way as earlier attempts to reform the Soviet economic system and slide slowly into disuse.

The fate of tentative legislation that has preceded it, coupled with ideas expressed publicly during the debate suggest, however, that it might be more. The drafting of the law on state enterprises has been accompanied by discussion of measures that would address all these problems: a thorough overhaul of the pricing system — meaning drastic price increases, permitting unemployment (or rather permitting it to grow from its current officially estimated 3 per cent); and encouraging greater pay differentials. There has even been talk of temporary "critical retreat" in the direction of a market economy. All this for the sake of ultimately strengthening socialism — or so the official explanation runs.

Such changes would cut to the heart of the passive consensus on which the current order rests. In theory, they challenge Marxist-Leninist principles. In practice, to judge by experience in parts of Eastern Europe, they could spell civil unrest. But, as Mr Gorbachev has said, "If not us, who? If not now, when?" The strength of his commitment will soon be apparent.

COMPETING ISSUES

The Government's privatization programme has always had more than one objective. The prime impetus has been the failure of nationalized industries over many years to provide a satisfactory and cost-effective service to the consumer and the belief that private sector disciplines could revitalize these industries. But privatization has also served to effect a revolution in the investment habits of the ordinary man and woman, introducing millions to individual share ownership and providing a new source of capital and liquidity in the market. It has also raised cash for the Government.

These objectives have not always been in harmony. Selling British Telecom and British Gas as single enterprises was certainly easier than trying to increase competition by restructuring them, but it was not necessarily the way to make the industries as efficient as they could be. Simple flotations at attractive prices have helped to create a tremendous bandwagon on which private investors have jumped in their thousands, but they have not necessarily given the taxpayer the best value for money.

With the latest offer of British Airports Authority, the Government and its advisers have made an imaginative attempt to achieve its diverse objectives more effectively. From the point of view of trying to get the best possible price, the logical choice would be to put it out to tender. With a tender, there is no fixed price. Investors are invited to bid for shares at whatever price they think they are worth. By definition the seller gets the highest price the market will bear.

Tender offers, however, are complicated for the ordinary individual shareholder because

they force him to exercise his own judgement as to the value of the issue. After the Government's city experience with a tender offer for Britoil, which was under-subscribed, offers have been made at fixed prices and have frequently been heavily over-subscribed. Rolls-Royce, for instance, attracted applications for nine times the number of shares on offer. Some modest under-pricing may be acceptable to help achieve the Government's objective of wider share ownership.

The BAA offer is being made in two parts. Three-quarters of the shares will be offered in the conventional way at a fixed price — minimum application 150 shares. The remaining quarter will be offered by tender — minimum 1000 shares. The tender will help both institutions and wealthier individual shareholders to receive an allocation of a reasonable size, will almost certainly raise the overall proceeds from the issue and may help to accustom the general public to the idea of a tender. With the giant water and electricity sales coming later this Parliament, creating a more sophisticated investing public is an important objective.

In carrying forward its privatization programme the Government has developed a number of new ideas — as it has had to given the unprecedented size of the issues. A whole new industry of international privatization consultants has been born in the City as a result. The priority now is to apply as much imagination and drive to making sure that the industries themselves are privatized in a way which maximizes competition and effectiveness as the Government has already applied to the business of selling them.

YES, VICE-CHANCELLOR

Like it or not — and the distinguished fellows of Peterhouse, Cambridge, apparently do not — the televised version of *Porterhouse Blue* has corroborated a set of widely held preconceptions about the academic world. But academic has its own preconceptions about the world beyond its groves — the sordid nature of commerce, the dubious benefits of enterprise, the moral superiority of poverty and the limitless coffers of the state — which have combined in recent years into a prevailing hostility towards the Thatcher government.

It was refreshing therefore, indeed it almost passed belief, to hear Professor Sir Mark Richmond, the newly elected chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, say last week that the past eight years had not had an entirely deleterious effect on British universities. Financial stringency, he said, had forced the universities to look hard at their priorities; it had made them think.

So heretical a statement prompted two immediate questions: whether thinking had previously been excluded from the job briefs of academics, and whether Professor Richmond has a good bodyguard. For the received truth of recent years has been that Britain's universities will be hard pressed to survive another term of Thatcher government.

Their libraries, we are had to believe, have been starved of books, their laboratories of equipment, their faculties of teachers and researchers. They have been cut to the point where it is miraculous that no more than two — Aberdeen and Cardiff — are threatened with bankruptcy.

Now Professor Richmond has intimated, in the most decorous of terms, that this is not the

whole truth. A number of universities have suffered severe reductions in their income. Some of the reductions have been unjustified, others badly administered. Many, however, have started to make universities less wasteful institutions more closely geared to the requirements of the 1980s and 1990.

Departments that have closed were often too small to sustain both teaching and original research. Better that they be combined with centres of excellence elsewhere. Scholars, including some of our very best, have taken positions abroad, and this is a matter for regret. But higher salaries were not the only reason for their departure. There was frustration, too, with the lack of advancement possible in a sector that had expanded so rapidly in the 1960s and granted permanent tenure to those whose potential has not been fulfilled.

No one is asking academics to believe in Thatcherism — or anything else for that matter. All that is being asked is that they suspend their ingrained disbelief and examine the past eight years with the same scepticism and respect for the truth that they apply — or are supposed to apply — to their own field of research, be it Napoleonic history or the composition of a new chemical compound.

In the early days of Mr Thatcher's administration it can be argued that ministers, most notably Sir Keith Joseph, bore some of the blame for the misunderstandings. The Government is now communicating its message more clearly. If Professor Richmond can respond by beginning to rebuild bridges between Whitehall and the academic world, he will do both a service.

Private hearing of child abuse case

From the Director of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Sir, Your leading article (June 17) criticises the decision to hold the inquiry into the death of Kimberley in private. In doing so, you would appear largely to have ignored the detailed and reasoned arguments put forward for the decision. It would also appear that you are more concerned with establishing guilt, presumably within the social services, than in supporting a pattern of inquiry which would be in the best interests of preventing cruelty to children.

Prevention of cruelty to children is the responsibility of a number of professions and agencies. How do you know that social workers are the only professionals involved in this case? The trial of Kimberley's murderer only presented a part of the story of professional involvement in this unhappy household. The judge himself pointed out that it was not the social services that were on trial, but Nigel Hall and Pauline Carlisle.

You attack Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, for his decision, but he is chairman of a panel which agreed unanimously to its procedure. One member is Mr Jim Harding, the Child Care Director of the NSPCC, and his presence demonstrates the degree of NSPCC commitment to there being a first-class investigation in the interests of children.

It is not good enough for you to dismiss the potential value of evidence from witnesses who might be deterred from attending a public hearing; or to say that an informed public could learn from their absence. Inferences might be drawn from which some individuals might come to be pilloried; how would that help children? Do we not want to encourage individuals who, with hindsight, feel they might have acted differently, to have confidence in a process whereby they might share their experience in a way that could be of future benefit?

You have quoted the trial judge as saying, "This case was uniquely wicked". Recently publicised cases show how invalid that statement was. Three or four children die each week from child abuse and neglect, but not all trials when they occur receive the same degree of media attention. The judge had only a partial knowledge of the child abuse procedures involved. His calling for a public inquiry is contrary to recent DHSS advice as to normal practice — and indeed by implication to the Secretary of State's view.

The authorities in Greenwich have acted promptly in establishing a higher level of inquiry, chaired by a QC with recent

experience of chairing a major child abuse inquiry.

Can we not trust them to carry out their investigation as they think best suits the interests of children, and judge them by results when their report is made public?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN GILMOUR, Director,
National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children,
67 Saffron Hill, EC1,
June 19.

From Mr John W. Dossett-Davies
Sir, Your leader, "A public matter", is both timely and apt. The decision of the members of the inquiry into the death of Kimberley not to hold the inquiry in public is deeply regrettable.

As a qualified social worker of 33 years' experience and a former national adviser in child care, I am pained to see my profession under fire and social workers pilloried. Yet until, and unless, social work is prepared to face the closest public scrutiny and give a public account of its stewardship — are not social workers the welfare trustees of the public? — it will not regain the public's trust.

More, it will not deserve to do so. The powers that be in social work talk of "trial by media". Others may agree with Edward Eggleston when he said, "The duty of a newspaper is to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable". The killings of Maria Caldwell, Jasmine Beckford, Tyrone Henry and now Kimberley are a new phenomenon and must be halted.

I am, Sir, reminded that following the similar death of Dennis O'Neill in 1945, it was through the columns of your distinguished paper that a public outcry was set in train which led to the setting up of local authority children's departments.

It is really too late for a government, flush from a great electoral victory and wanting to do more "caring" for the nation, to set up a public inquiry? After all, it was in the middle of a great war that Sir Walter Monckton reported on Dennis O'Neill!

Yours sincerely,
JOHN W. DOSSETT-DAVIES,
The Leys,
Winsey, Oxfordshire.

From Mrs R. F. Lait
Sir, How can Louis Blom-Cooper, appointed by the authority in whose care Kimberley was when she was murdered, know that "there are no special features" warranting a public hearing (report, June 16) before he has conducted the enquiry?

Yours,
JUNE LAIT,
7 High View Gardens,
Derwen Fawr,
Swansea, West Glamorgan.

Nautical heritage

From Ms Angela Croome
Sir, Archaeology is not the only deletion among the Nautical Maritime Museum's traditional interests (letters, June 4 and 12) but it is the most complete. Here a whole department has disappeared — and it is optimistic to suppose expertise of this type can be revived overnight in an emergency.

But what about navigation, naval ordinance, ships' plans, charts, models, manuscripts, archives, printed books, instruments, and the publications and photographic services that make these accessible? In all these specialist areas where cuts have occurred the museum is a world-wide reference centre and in particular for the study and interpretation of historic wrecks now under severe threat from a number of other sources.

On the special point of the archaeology of ancient boats and underwater antiquities in March, 1973, the then Minister for the Arts (Mr St John-Stevas) promised in a Commons reply to the financial implications of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 that

A department is being developed at the NMM for the study of the structure of ancient boats and ships. A laboratory and plant will be built there in 1974 for the conservation of the Graveney Boat and other finds, using the most modern techniques. The museum's archaeological and scientific work on ancient boat finds will be developed as rapidly as possible.

Is the present management aware of this mandate? If it had been interpreted less narrowly there might not have been the present criticisms. As it is, we are again qualifying as the Philistines of Europe in respect of the neglect of our nautical heritage.

Yours faithfully,
ANGELA CROOME,
Flat 2,
14 The Paragon,
Blackheath, SE3,
June 16.

Glum night out

From Dr Peter Silverstone
Sir, On June 7, *Les Misérables* won eight Tony awards (report, June 9). On June 8, I went to see it, or rather I didn't. I had seats in the upper balcony, more accurately called the "gods", from which I had an excellent view of the rear four-fifths of the stage.

Unfortunately the cast insisted upon performing in the front one-fifth of the stage, thus depriving nearly half of the audience of any view of the performance. The sound of disembodied voices floating up was quite nice, but I might as well have listened to a record.

Theatre managers protest frequently and loudly about a lack of a "home-grown" audience for their shows, and of their subsequent reliance on tourists. I am hardly surprised.

Yours sincerely,
P. SILVERSTONE,
Institute of Psychiatry,
De Crespigny Park,
Denmark Hill, SE5.

Tory strategy

From Sir Anthony Wagner
Sir, Your fascinating report by Peter Stothard (June 13) of the secret Conservative Party election background raises interesting questions.

Assuming the report to be true, what ought we to think of such goings on? I came across a reference in an early twentieth-century letter to "the horrors of democracy" and concluded that this meant the reign of terror and the guillotine; but are not such things as these the modern horrors of democracy? If so one might rather not know them yet cannot

but read of them with fascination, like the man in Plato who could not withdraw his gaze from the sight of the corpses.

Of course one must not overlook the fact that even if the whole report is correct there is not, and cannot be, any proof that the motives of the electors were in fact those attributed to them by the politicians and can one not dare to believe that most of us are not quite so simple as all that?

Yours truly,
ANTHONY WAGNER,
Wyndham Cottage,
Aldeburgh, Suffolk,
June 19.

The nature of God

From Dr Helen Haste

Sir, Canon Stanesby (June 13) is sadly misinformed about the psychological processes by which knowledge progresses. Were he to look more closely at the account of working scientists, let alone at psychological studies, he would discover that a refusal to contemplate one's methods, or reflect upon the basis of one's assumptions, leads to sterility, rigidity and a failure to make creative advances.

The methods he advocates perhaps serve the goal of orthodoxy. But maybe the "knowledge" of the "nature of God and his relationship to his world" that he desires is a different kind of knowledge from the advancement of science — more a matter of orthodoxy than discovery?

Yours faithfully,
HELEN HASTE,
10 Belgrave Crescent,
Bath,
Avon,
June 13.

Staying power

From Mrs Elaine Murray
Sir, I wonder why Lorraine Knowles (June 13) equates "vegetarianism" with "miserable". Personally I plan a debauched post-three-score-and-ten, happily living on apples, pea soup, strawberries, Champagne, onions, Nuits St Georges, brown bread, Cheddar, Dolcelatte, Kent cobs and Cognac.

Yours,
ELAINE MURRAY,
26 Greyhades Gardens,
War Tyler Road, SE10,
June 13.

Tackling distrust on inner cities

From the Bishop of Stepney

Sir, The Government's stated intention to tackle the inner cities is to be welcomed (leader, June 19). May I express the hope that instant, or "at a stroke", methods which have been proposed in the Press should be treated with great caution by those now given ministerial responsibility.

The London Docklands Development Corporation is quoted as a model for future action, and indeed it has achieved some remarkable successes in the commercial field, but it must also be recognised by the Government that this commercial success has not been matched by adequate enterprise in social reconstruction.

There is a costly dichotomy between the approach of the business world and those who make up the local community. There needs to be a real partnership if the urban development corporations are to benefit inner city people and not just be an injection of prosperity which will remain largely unrelated to vast surrounding areas of deprivation.

There has also been the proposal that certain local authorities should be bypassed in an attempt to go "direct to the people". In these last years, much positive progress has been hampered by conflict between local and national government. Ideological and party-political argument has led to distrust, indecision and inefficiency.

When local government believes it can bypass national government and when national government thinks it can bypass democratically elected local government, there are likely to be far-reaching and damaging effects upon our democratic society. There is considerable resentment and distrust in the air, as well as a sense of impotence amongst local councillors in their attempts to deal with impossible and intractable problems on the basis of the resources they have at their disposal.

It is my plea for the sake of all our urban priority areas (UPAs) that local and national politicians

Skills gap

From Mr S. Davidson

Sir, What Mrs Judith Weich (June 16) has identified is that the so-called "skills gap" is a myth. For most jobs in industry these days it is not your skill, capability or experience that count, but your age. Study of job advertisements shows that you are becoming too old at 30, and definitely past it at 40. By the time you reach 50 you do not even get a reply when you submit a job application. Just silence.

A recent survey showed that out of three million unemployed, about one million were under 25. Among the rest, there are undoubtedly many highly qualified people of mature years with all the skills and experience of which industry is supposed to be in desperate need.

Yours faithfully,
S. DAVIDSON,
85 Hyperion Walk,
The Drive, Horley, Surrey.

From Mr A. M. Whittaker
Sir, Judith Weich's experience is but part of a larger truth — that nowadays the one essential qualification to get a job is that you should already have one.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. WHITTAKER,
Little Garth,
Moretonhampstead, Devon,
June 16.

Falkland sovereignty

From the Chairman of the Anglo-Argentine Society

Sir, In your editorial of June 16 you refer to the desirability of a more flexible British attitude on Falklands sovereignty in order to fortify democratic government in Argentina. Amen to that!

It is many decades since a democratically elected President has handed over power to a democratically elected successor in Argentina. There is an opportunity for Britain to act in a truly statesmanlike manner (and to display the magnanimity that behoves a victor in battle) by proposing a Hong Kong-like transfer of sovereignty with two principal conditions:

1. Islanders must retain their language and British nationality (as with the Aland islands who retain their Swedish language and customs but are part of Finland).
2. If there is any interruption to democracy during the next 50 years, the deal is off.

Such an arrangement would, I believe, deter the military from any thoughts of revolution. Then, after 50 years of on-going democracy it is unlikely the kelpers will have anything to fear from Argentine generals. In fact, as with the Aland islands, they should enjoy the best of both worlds.

Yours sincerely,
BARNEY MILLER,
19 Oxford Road, SW15,
June 16.

should find a more constructive way of tackling these issues, and trust must be created by truly listening and engaging in real partnership.

Faith in the City was an attempt by the Church to listen to local people in the UPAs. As a result, we believe that they should have some share in developing their own future. In order for these great problems to be tackled, there needs to be a partnership between commercial and social enterprise, between local and national government and the people who live in the area concerned.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES STEPNEY,
23 Tredgar Square, Bow, E3.

ON THIS DAY

JUNE 23 1922

Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, MP, (1864-1922) was a Protestant Irishman with a deep hostility to Sinn Féin. On June 22 he was murdered by two IRA men, Reginald Dunne and Joseph O'Sullivan, who were executed in Wandsworth Prison. Their bodies were reinterred in Dublin in July, 1967.

SIR H. WILSON MURDERED.

SHOT ON HIS DOORSTEP.

RUNNING FIGHT IN LONDON.

The murder was committed just after half-past 2. Sir Henry Wilson, wearing uniform, had earlier in the afternoon unveiled the Great Eastern Railway War Memorial at Liverpool-street Station, and he returned home in a taxi-cab.

Sir Henry Wilson's house stands at the corner of Eaton-place and Belgrave-place, the entrance being in the latter thoroughfare. From the stories of eye-witnesses it would appear that Sir Henry Wilson, on alighting from his cab, stepped across the pavement to his door and was in the act of opening it when a shot was fired, apparently diagonally from near the kerb at the corner of Eaton-place, only a few yards away. He instinctively ducked and the bullet entered the left upper panel of the door. Another shot followed. It is stated that with great impetuosity the Field-Marshal turned towards his assailants, and according to one eye-witness he was seen to grasp his sword as if he were about to draw it.

Several shots were then fired, apparently from different directions, but at a few yards' range, and Sir Henry Wilson was wounded in the body, arm, and leg. He fell on the pavement near his own doorstep. Lady Wilson, who was at home, hearing the commotion, hurried to the door, and was terribly distressed to find what had happened. She was able, however, to assist in getting Sir Henry carried into the house.

THE CHASE.

The sound of the revolver shots brought a number of people to the scene, and the assailants, both young men, one described as of stout build and the other as a cripple, having accomplished their cowardly task, endeavoured to escape. Police whistles were blown, and an exciting chase ensued. The police, however, were at a disadvantage, being unarmed, and it was soon evident that the runaways meant to resist to the very last. They were apparently well equipped with ammunition, and they were not slow to use it.

From the scene of the outrage the assailants made off along Eaton-place and, according to several eye-witnesses, they jumped into a taxicab which was coming from Lowndes-place, but, for some reason, they alighted again, and continued towards Eaton-terrace. They kept their pursuers back by turning every now and then and firing their revolvers, and for some distance they walked backwards as they kept up an almost continuous fire. One of the men sought to elude his pursuers by jumping into a victoria, but after riding for some distance he alighted again.

The continuous blowing of police whistles resulted in an ever-increasing crowd of pursuers, and when Ebury-street was reached there were large reinforcements of police from Gerald-road Police Station. Many constables who were off duty at the time joined in the pursuit in their shirt sleeves. The police, with drawn batons, pressed forward, notwithstanding the revolver fire, and when a part of Ebury-street had been traversed, a constable succeeded in felling the smaller of the two men by throwing his truncheon at him with well-directed aim. The other man was arrested almost simultaneously. It is stated that milkman, who threw a milk bottle at him, was responsible for his arrest. There was a short and sharp struggle between him and the police, during which, it is said, the man was heard to plead for mercy. He was soon overpowered and disarmed. The crowd assumed a hostile attitude towards the prisoners, and had it not been for the efforts of the police they might have been lynched.

THE ARTS

Sitting pretty

"I have designed benches outside for people like you", Mies van der Rohe is said to have chided a real person who had the temerity to sit on the Barcelona chair designed for the King of Spain in 1929. Perhaps the Bauhaus director was miffed that the royal bottom had not in fact graced his "revolutionary" chair, and taken His Majesty had taken one look at the appealing thing and decided it would be too uncomfortable by far.

Design Classics (BBC2) was billed as an analysis of this celebrated piece of furniture's

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success as a manufactured product, but once again the pundits got stuck after the first couple of adjectives. Anyone capable of calling a home a "domestic situation" is disqualified from being taken seriously on any topic.

What emerged instead was a useful reminder of the appalling arrogance of Modern Movement architects. "Less is more" pronounced Mies, bafflingly, while engaged in defacing cities with megalomaniacs of concrete and glass. The fact that the Barcelona chair has always been beyond the public's pocket neatly gives the lie to the fiction that the great Modernists were designing for "the common man"; they were, of course, erecting monuments to their own enormous egos.

World in Action (Granada) gave a massive plug for the mineral water industry by listing the horrors available from one's kitchen tap. Lead is widely believed to retard children's intelligence, and nitrates may cause cancer in babies; to clean up would cost hundreds of millions, which is one reason why (although the programme did not mention this) the proposed privatization of the water authorities has had to be postponed.

This was competent whistle-blowing stuff, and will have alarmed even those rate-payers who are not the parents of heavy-metal kids. Personally, I am still worried about the seven pairs of kidneys through which my drinking water is alleged to have passed previously. Will the owners of these organs please come forward?

Martin Cropper

John Russell Taylor's review of the galleries concentrating on the Festival of German Arts will appear tomorrow

● Royal Society of Arts music scholarships for 1987 have been awarded to Aaron Stolorow, Maevie Jenkinson and Suzi Whang (violinists), Paul Marley and Gregory Walmesley (cellists) and Sarah Pring, Jane Webster and Mark Tucker (singers).

Laughing with horror

Alan Bates takes his long partnership with the playwright Simon Gray a stage further when *Melon* opens at the Haymarket tonight: interview by Sheridan Morley

distant sanity and coolness that he drives all the others mad. Then I did *Stage Struck* which was so totally silly it made me laugh and I loved it, though not all the critics did. I remember I stopped reading those reviews when I got to a paragraph which started "As for Alan Bates..."

Like *Otherwise Engaged* and the more recent *Common Pursuit* (now enjoying a longer and more successful run off-Broadway than it ever achieved in London), Gray's *Melon* is again set in the world of publishing, and the author acknowledges that it was in fact "inspired" by Stuart Sutherland's book *Breakdown*, which was the personal account of a man suffering a nervous breakdown when he discovers that his wife and a close friend are having an affair.

"I've not actually read the book", says Bates, "and I don't think the play is very close to it, though that may have been the germ of the idea. *Melon* is really about a successful publisher with a very enviable life, the last person you'd expect to see any cracks in, who has been playing a game inside his own marriage and then suddenly finds he can't deal with himself any more. It's a dark and very funny play about a man going over the edge, but then Simon at his best has always been a writer

who makes you laugh in horror. I suppose his plays could be called sad comedies, but through them all runs a tremendous sense of separation."

Professionally, Bates too has always been a loner: the eldest of three sons of an insurance man in Derby, he knew from the age of 11 that he wanted to be an actor and at 18 won a place at RADA, pausing along the way only for National Service. From that he went straight into rep with Frank Dunlop's Midland Theatre Company, and six months later heard about the Royal Court auditions for *Look Back in Anger*.

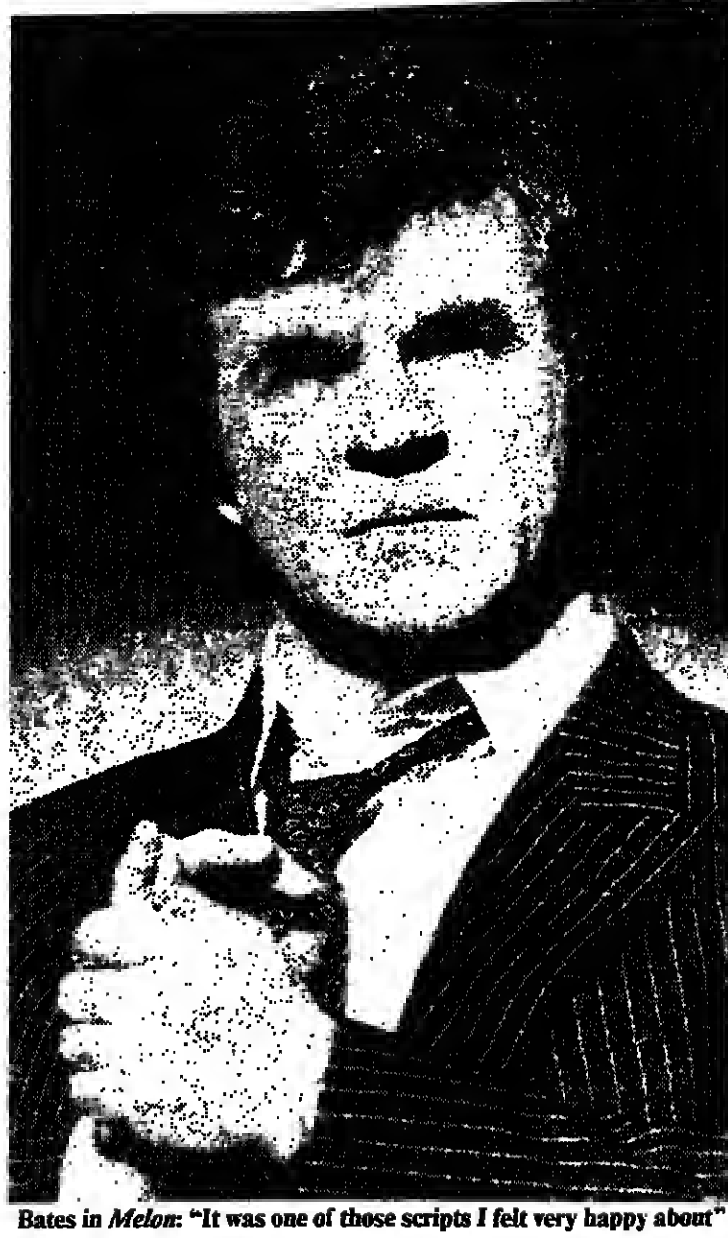
It is success there and in New York as Cliff in the first productions of Osborne's play led to the offer of a seven-year film contract, which he unhesitatingly turned down: "Looking back, I'm amazed I had that much resistance. But I just didn't want a lot of work without the freedom of choice, and it seems to have been the right decision because the films I eventually did on a freelance basis, like *The Entertainer* and *Whistle Down the Wind*, were much more valuable in terms of my career." Theatrically, too, Bates has always stayed away from long-term company commitments:

"I've only ever once worked for the RSC, in a *Taming of the Shrew* at Stratford which audiences seemed to like but I hated being in and then I went to the National two years ago for *Yonadab*. It was very difficult to do. After Shaffer's huge successes the expectations were far too high, and I wish we had been able to do it in a workshop style that wouldn't have been so easy to shoot down."

Since *Yonadab*, Bates has made two more films which both await release. In the meantime, he has enough to think about at the Haymarket:

"We've been on tour for a while with *Melon*, and I do think it's now in very strong shape, although from the beginning of rehearsals it was one of those scripts I felt very happy about. Sometimes it works like that: when I first read *The Caretaker* I didn't really understand what on earth it was about, and yet I knew exactly how to do it and where to stand and what was wanted of me. And Simon is very good about coming to rehearsals: he turns up every day, but not until the evening, by which time somehow you don't feel inhibited by an author's presence."

"All that worries me is the first night: it never gets any easier, but the great thing is not to go into overdrive out of fear. All friends and relatives should be banned from the opening and critics should maybe come over a 10-day period. Then it would just be the Tuesday night after the Monday and before the Wednesday and we could all get on with the acting."



Bates in *Melon*: "It was one of those scripts I felt very happy about"

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Joyful vigour

André Previn Selection

RPO/Previn Festival Hall

The London orchestras' relationship with post-1945 music is rather like the Vienna Philharmonic's relationship with Mahler. They do not care to soil their hands with it very often — but, when they do, a perverse sense of vanity usually compels them to play it superbly.

All credit to the Royal Philharmonic and André Previn. They could have launched the "André Previn Selection" with something in the maestro's customary, late-Romantic line, and filled the hall. Instead, they managed to absorb the massive differential cost and deflated box-office takings, and offered a tingling performance of Messiaen's vast *Turangalila-symphonic*.

It was not a reading that shone a searchlight on every intricate detail of this poly-textured epic, although the cohesion in the fiendish rhythmic superimpositions was (until slightly ragged ensemble

in the very last, triumphant appearance of the "love theme") exemplary. But Previn brought to the score something often overlooked by the young firebrands who tear through its daunting complexities as though it were a high-hurdles sprint: a strong feeling of warmth, humanity and joy. Which is, after all, what *Turangalila* is all about.

That was most obvious in the dancing allegro movements — notably the symphony's *massif central*, "Joie du sang des étoiles", where the RPO's brass turned in a vintage display: savagely exultant but never strident, and always admirably sympathetic to the complementary chorus of strings, the exotic woodwind arabesques or the quasi-Balinese jangle of percussion. But Previn also conveyed the ethereal stillness of the timeless *amour* movements, and brought a diaphanous, unusually elegant quality to even the thickest of Messiaen's textures.

Cynthia Millar was the ondes martenot soloist, perhaps too reticent about her instrument's silvery charms. Paul Crossley gave a splendidly assertive account of the clangorous piano part.

Richard Morrison

Almeida

Krenek/Cerha Almeida Theatre

One could not help wondering what the old man thought of it all as he stared across a class of 60 years wide and heard Elgar, Howard and the Almeida Ensemble play his *Symphonic Music* for nine solo instruments. Ernst Krenek composed that work in 1922, under the influence of the neo-classicists primarily of the Schoenbergian camp. There was also something specifically Viennese about the late-Romantic song-cycle *Durch die Nacht* (1930-31). Krenek's tendency in the earlier work occasionally to labour the obvious here sometimes turns itself into a liking for the unsuitably sentimental, even in the face of words (by Karl Kraus) which express anxiety.

But Krenek's eclectic instincts did not limit themselves to the vanguard figures of his youth. Come 1957, and residency in the United States, and the composer shows in his song-cycle *Sessine* that he could embrace the most rigorous serial methods. The work is saved from self-annihilating dryness by some judicious, sensitive instrumentation, about the only parameter not governed by serial procedures. Penelope Walmesley-Clark sang both cy-

cles accurately and with feeling for even the most angular line.

Where to from there? Why, like all up-to-date young composers in the Sixties, to the electronic sounds and exploratory instrumental techniques of *Tape and Double* (1969-70), an exhilarating piece in which two pianos (Andrew Ball and Julian Jacobson) react with varying degrees of vehemence to a colourfully rhetorical soundtrack. And from there, of course, to the softer edges, the gentle parodies, the experimental organisms of the Seventies, here represented in *Von vorn herein* (1974). Only Stravinsky, perhaps, could lay claim to possessing such an unassuageable thirst for new beginnings.

Later in the evening it was a relief, after hearing his *Exercises* last week, to be assured that there is a more down-to-earth side to the composer. Friedrich Cerha, H.K. Gruber again gripped the audience with his half-sung recitations of Cerha's *Elne Art Chansons* (1985), pithy settings of experimental poets like Kurt Schwitters, and with the composer conducting the Ensemble "die reihe", of *Keintate* (1980-83), 50 pointed and sometimes terrifying aphoristic observations to words by Ernst Klein about Vienna and the Viennese.

Stephen Pettitt

Spitalfields

David Bedford Christ Church

When they come to write the history of David Bedford, 50 this year, what will they file him under? A composer who once led the "soft" avant-garde in Britain; a classroom communicator with a rare ability to fire teenagers' enthusiasm; a Mr Fixit for handfuls of passing pop-heros who were too lazy or too dense to write out their own orchestrations. Bedford has been, and is, all of these things.

By putting the "educational" music first, the self-debunking avant-garde happening second, and Bedford's "serious" chamber music last, they seemed to have judged it about right in this Spitalfields Festival tribute.

Certainly the opening work, *Seascapes* — involving four groups of schoolchildren and a string quartet — seemed the most intriguingly constructed. For, between Bedford's own brrry evocations and some rather feyly-sung, Cecil Sharp-like shanty arrangements, came "sea music" worked out by the pupils themselves in improvisation sessions. Highly imaginative some of this was, too: a tribute to Bedford's value as a catalyst.

Then came his once-famous (now, alas, barely remembered) *Balloon Music*, involving all the children in a surprisingly well-orchestrated medley of every flautist flure it is possible to obtain from inflated (or rapidly deflating) balloons. One does wonder whether such innocent classroom pursuits will survive the coming of Mr Baker's national curriculum.

After this, unfortunately, the proceedings sobered up. Neither Bedford's pattern-obsessed *Diaphone* for flute and vibraphone, nor his recent Sextet for wind and piano — an embarrassingly prolonged doodle round a riff of jazz seventh — had anything original to offer.

But the 1981 piece *Symphony for 12 musicians* (given a spot-on performance by the Endymion Ensemble) does still entertain. Its "out of sync" phasing and tortoise-paced harmonic change obviously takes it into Steve Reich territory, but the whirlwind, virtuosic finale has a vitality that typifies Bedford at his best.

Noël Goodwin R.M.

Lyrical vein

St Magnus

Maxwell Davies Kirkwall

Orkney is as always a place of other times, with its special access to the neolithic and its more general atmosphere of a forgotten civility, peace and innocence. Added to that was the heavy scent of June 1977, when the eleventh St Magnus Festival began with the work that had opened the first: Maxwell Davies's chamber opera *The Martyrdom of St Magnus*.

The setting was the same, beneath the tower of the red sandstone cathedral begun 850 years ago to commemorate the martyred earl. The players were many of them the same, though now operating just for special occasions as "Fires of London Productions". And the cast included again Mary Thomas as the blind seer, Neil Mackie as the saint and Brian Rayner Cook as various things. The work, however, has changed.

For one thing, it has enjoyed other productions, notably a recent one in London by Opera Factory/London Sinfonietta which proved the composer right in preferring performance "in the round" to presentation of the work as a church pageant. For another, its attempted reawakening of Davies's music-theatre energies now seems considerably less successful than its fore-shadowing of a vein of contemplative lyricism: the best moments in the score are the two big solos for Magnus, which, as Mr Mackie beautifully showed (10 years have brought maturity to his singing but no loss of that quietly urgent freshness), look forward to the meditative scene into the *Labyrinth*, one of the finest works Davies has produced since *The Martyrdom*.

The newcomers to the cast included Christopher Keyte, excellently adapting himself like Mr Rayner Cook to a variety of roles, and a sadly weak bass for the villain. The virtuoso prodigies of the instrumental score were crisply projected under Gunther Bauer Schenk, who returned the following evening to direct a lun concert with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. That Maxwell Davies should share a programme with the composer of *Star Wars* is one of the alarming unlikelyhoods we have learnt

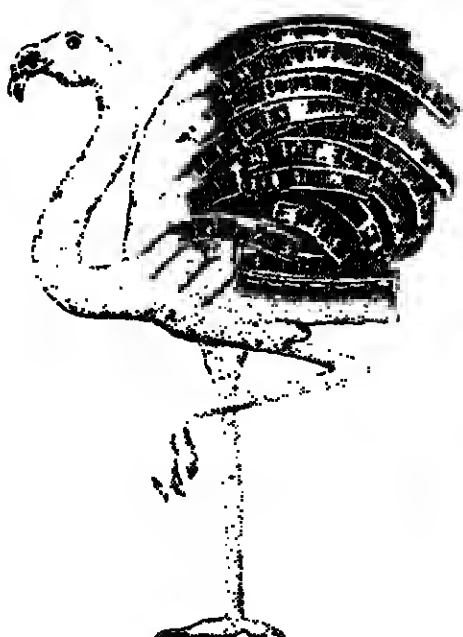
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to live with during the last decade. The concert also included three numbers from *Porgy and Bess*, which left one wanting to hear far more of Laverne Williams and Bruce Hubbard before being sent into the soft silver light of an endless midsummer evening with Davies's inebriate comedy *An Orkney Wedding, with Sunrise*.

Earlier in the day Timothy Walker had given the first performance of his Guitar Sonata: a pair of dapper, witty, two-part Scarlattiian allegros around the dark shadow of a lute fantasia.

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Curious choice

The Gershwin Years

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Ten minutes late this time in getting themselves on the platform, the London Symphony Orchestra launched the first of five concerts planned and conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas, their music director-designate, to commemorate George Gershwin, who died 50 years ago. The first programme, called "The Hollywood Years", was a curious assortment if the object is to give Gershwin his due status as a composer of true originality and lasting reward.

It included four songs from the Rogers-Astaire film musical *Shall We Dance*, with the veteran arranger Johnny Green directing from the piano a section of the or-

chestra plus extra reads and with Paul Nicholas singing in cabaret style. Very nice arrangements they were, if lacking in vocal charm, but in this context they sounded as if they belonged to a quite different kind of programme.

They were followed by the opposite extreme of Schoenberg's orchestral reworking of the G minor Piano Quartet by Brahms, on the grounds that Gershwin and Schoenberg had great respect for each other. The work is got up to sound like Brahms's "with symphony" only slightly modernized: it deserves to be better known in the concert repertoire as it already is in the theatre through Balanchine's 1966 ballet *Brahms-Schoenberg Quartet*.

Mr Tilson Thomas, whose platform exuberance makes him a gift to cartoonists, conducted a performance of warm sonority and polished phrasing, though Gershwin has no need of the Schoenberg connection to make him intellectually or even musi-



Gershwin self-portrait (1936)

cally respectable. Apart from the songs, his own talent was represented only by the musical picture-postcard of the Cuban Overture, in which the conductor was also the jubilant piano soloist, though the work claimed less attention than it might through being over-scored. Of the programme's other "supporting cast", only Oscar Levant's serious-minded *Dirge*, written in memory of Gershwin, deserved its place.

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The Emanuels go back to college

Luck helped make stars of the graduating design couple a decade ago; now they are back under the RCA spotlight

It was the luck of the draw: exactly 10 years ago, David and Elizabeth Emanuel won the coveted finale spot in the Royal College of Art's Fashion School Degree Show. When the names of graduating students in the class of '77 were pulled out of a hat to establish the running order, theirs came out one after another — and last.

The college authorities, who had rightly refused the Emanuels' request to show together, since it is impossible to assess students' work in tandem, watched with the rest of us and saw how well David's white linen blazers bound in silk, and his generally more crisp, tailored style partnered Elizabeth's banded chiffons and the other romantic notions with which she wound up the show.

This time round, it is their talent that has earned the spotlight for the Emanuels at the RCA Degree Show, which is being held on Thursday night. The finale of the college's 150th anniversary fashion gala is theirs, and with typically theatrical brio the couple are choreographing their guest appearance with care.

David's dramatic black and white outfits are to be followed by Elizabeth's more frothy dresses. A frock commissioned by Walt Disney for Snow White's 50th birthday (to be auctioned at Sotheby's on July 7) will be paraded by Disney's new singing discovery, Anna Kipling.

The Emanuels, now famous as designers of the Princess of Wales's wedding dress, are naturally not limiting themselves to just the one end-of-show bride, but two. The more tailored style from David's sketchpad translates into a short white wedding dress trailing a fishtail of tulle. A traditional Emanuel romantic bridal confection is the product of Elizabeth's theatrical fantasies.

The path that the Emanuels' career followed in a decade is not exactly typical of prospects facing fashion graduates, then or now. They were already a self-made team, having married while at Harvard College of Art. Unlike most students, they were able to set up in business straight from school, backed by Elizabeth's father.

But the Emanuels have had their setbacks, too. That first collection was stolen from the back of their car a week before



George Davies, above, recognizes that the success of his Next chain depends on the design quality of the fashions and furnishings that he sells. Eight graduates from the Royal College of Art are currently employed in Next's design teams, based in the Leicester headquarters, working on his best-selling menswear and womenswear as well as the new Next line of children's clothes. Sponsorship by Next of a three-year programme of the RCA's degree shows, amounting to £120,000, starts with the gala fashion show on Thursday, and, as the Next range now comprises ceramics, furnishing textiles and furniture as well as fashions, rightly covers the annual exhibition of work by students in the faculties of Fine Art as well as Design and Communication. "Every aspect of design concerns us, but design must be made to sell," Davies says. "Students are more aware today of working as a team, to get better design into the High Street. It's in my interests to help them."

Pictured with George Davies, above, our model wears a cream cricket cardigan banded in navy, £29.99; stone cotton gaberdine culottes, £28.99; ivory cotton/linen shirt, monogrammed in the pocket, £19.99; paisley silk handkerchief, £6.99; plaid leather belt, £19.99; straw hat, £14.99; all from Next branches

Left: Stamped with David Emanuel's sharp, slick style, a white silk marocain jacket, boned strapless bustier, with an emphatic black and white striped bow on cummerbund, £550 with its matching skirt. Red silk/wool pencil skirt, £150. Cotton gloves, £20. All Emanuel, 10 Beauchamp Place, SW3

Far left: One of Elizabeth Emanuel's theatrical confections, streamlined and up-to-the-minute, a strapless silk chiffon sheath in black ruched over fawn coloured silk, £1,800. Gloves, £58. All Emanuel

All jewellery by Sarah Booth for Emanuel
Hair by Gianni at Vincotto Lonnro
Make-up by B.J. Gillian at Faces.
Photographs by TONY MCGEE

it was due to be shown to buyers. Various licensing deals signed in the glow of their celebrity after the royal wedding in 1981 did not work, although their hosiery line and lucrative contracts in Japan and the United States flourish.

An Emanuel shop has opened which does a brisk trade in cashmere, leotards and daywear, as well as their more lavish creations. A menswear line is soon to be launched.

Fashion students graduating this month learn as much

from the experience of former students as they do at the drawing board. They no longer imagine they can rig up a cutting table in a garage, run up samples out of remnants to sell on a market stall and call themselves designers. They see the polish acquired by Alistair Blair (ex St Martin's) during nine years he spent working in Paris and New York with Dior, Givenchy and Karl Lagerfeld, before setting up his own-name company, backed by Peder Bertelsen. They can certainly add up

the salaries and job satisfaction enjoyed by young British designers like Keith Varty and Alan Cleaver (both RCA) at Byblos in Ancona, the small team of RCA graduates working in Munich for Escada and Laurel, or John Lloyd, the young designer who went straight from the RCA to design the Bill Blass sports-wear line in New York. Lloyd has a house in Connecticut as well as an apartment in Manhattan.

One of New York's hottest designers, Tommy Hilfinger,

who opens a chain of shops here later this year and is part of the Murjani Corporation, employs mainly British designers. "Seventh Avenue manufacturers are always flooded by the professionalism of our design portfolios," John Lloyd says.

Credit for the successful placement of fashion students goes to Professor Joanne Brogden at the RCA. "It was obvious that there was a saturation point in this country for good designers," she says. "A conscious push had

to be made abroad to introduce students to the international market. Now they make a point of coming to us first for new talent."

Not only do RCA graduates (and, to be fair, students from other colleges such as Kingston, Newcastle, Liverpool or St Martin's) pick up plum jobs abroad, but they staff all our own major fashion companies, such as Marks & Spencer, Jaeger, Aquascutum, Wallis, Stephen Marks and Next.

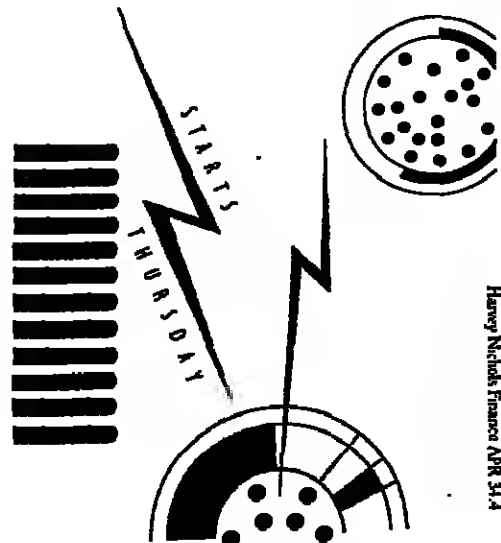
Links with our home-based

industry are forged while still at college. Sponsored projects channel the students' creative ideas towards the realities of designing clothes for the production line or to sell to the mass market in specific stores. For example, Stephen Marks and the International Wool Secretariat commissioned a range from the second-year students at the RCA working as a design team. The collection, sold in quantity to Harvey Nichols in London, Rinascente in Italy, and Bergdorf Goodman in New

York, is currently in production, and deliveries start rolling on August 1.

Such practical work experience has always been feasible within the fashion course itself: now it is about to be introduced within other RCA faculties as part of a new postgraduate experience programme initiated by Jocelyn Stevens, the RCA's Rector. "Just think what all that adds in a student's portfolio," Stevens says. "Fashion students are job-conscious. They actually want to work."

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BARGAINS

● The bargain-hunter's idea of heaven: a sale at a Constant Sale shop. Creamed from some of London's smartest designer boutiques, the clothes that land in this Fulham Road refuge of cut-price chic carry labels that only the more affluent normally aspire to — Ungaro, Armani, Alistair Blair, Azagury, Krizia. You may wonder why on earth a silk frock at £345 should be

considered a snap. By Ungaro and reduced from £1,125, it obviously is.

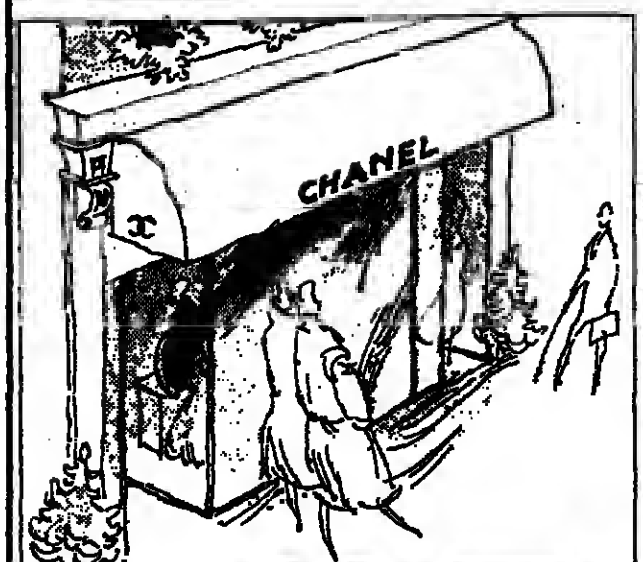
Everything in the Constant Sale Shop starts off marked down and one season old. In the summer sale, knitwear from Krizia's snake and butterfly theme collections is there, jumpers priced at £50, down from £267; the plain knitted skirts in match, £30, down from £75. Alistair Blair

silks, in black, pink or mauve, now cost £110 for a long floaty skirt, and £150 for the matching jacket. Men's Emporio Armani shirts cost from £10. Shoes from Mario Valentino and Robert Clergerie are £30-£45. The Constant Sale Shop is at 50 Fulham Road, London SW3.

● The sales, in full swing by Thursday, provide a chance to invest in the sort of luxury that makes the real bargain — a coat you will wear forever in fine camelhair and wool, from Aquascutum, reduced from £329 to £199; a cashmere classic from the Scotch House, where a V-neck jersey is £59.50, down from £105 or £79.50, or a cardigan at £75, down from £137 or £115.

● Nicole Farhi's updated classics are an investment at any price. Marked down in Fenwick's sale they seem irresistible — a dogtooth sarong skirt at £29, down from £75; an on-the-knee slim gaberdine skirt, £55, down from £69 and perfectly-cut gaberdine trousers, £65, down from £99.

● Liberty has slashed many designer numbers (by Paul Costelloe, Roland Klein, Ventilo, Jean Muir Studio, and Plantation among others) to half-price if two seasons old, otherwise by one-third. Liberty's classic 90cm silk squares are now £24, reduced from £35.



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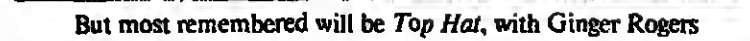
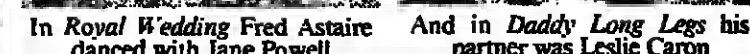
sible for clearing exports to Europe left their Felixstowe office at 4pm. He promised "continuing guerrilla action" at other ports.

Fred Astaire's most enduring partnership was with Ginger Rogers, here dancing in *The Gay Divorcee*

Robert Mitchum, watching a rare Astaire television appearance waxed lyrical as he recalled that he had wanted to be a dancer after seeing Astaire.

"I idolized that man", Mitchum, the complete antithesis of Astaire, said. "All my life I wanted to be just like him. He's an absolute nonpareil." John Wayne is reported

Astaire avoided the usual Hollywood publicity, although he made his home in the heart of Beverly Hills in the same house where he had lived with his late wife Phyllis Potter and reared his two children, Frederick, now aged 52, and Ava, aged 45.



In 1981 the year of his last picture, the suspense film *Ghost Story*, the American Film Institute paid tribute interviews in his last few years. Astaire shuddered at the thought of accolades.

to his decades as a star. In 1974 he received a best-supporting-actor Oscar nomination for his role in *The Towering Inferno* and in 1949 he was given an Oscar for his contribution to the musical film.

He shunned publicity and avoided

Silkworm forces Navy on higher alert

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

The deliberations are all part of an unprecedented US-Soviet effort to drive home the message that the six-and-a-

The sources said yesterday that it was up to individual commanders to decide when

"There are also certain circumstances where we can fire the first shot but they are extremely tightly controlled. It has to be when an attack is imminent, not just expected via intelligence reports. It has almost got to be when the missiles are about to leave their launchers, before we can shoot back," he says.

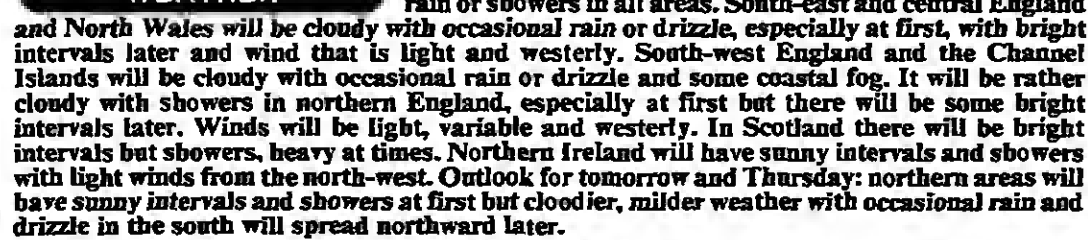
"Obviously there are no guarantees that we couldn't be attacked like Stark, but we don't feel that we are unacceptably vulnerable."

Troubled waters, page 6

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The hearing, before a panel of 12 governors, was into an allegation by an Asian student that Mr Smith had remarked during a lecture that "mugging" was a crime

General situation: the unsettled weather will continue with rain or showers in all areas. South-east and central England



AROUND BRITAIN

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TODAY	AM	NT	PM	NT
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Aberdeen	12.08	5.35	12.22	3.8
Avonmouth	5.22	11.5	6.18	11.5
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Devonport	4.17	4.7	4.48	4.0
Dover	10.01	5.8	10.17	6.0
Edinburgh	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.47
Glasgow	11.34	4.2	11.55	4.2
Harnish	10.16	3.5	11.04	3.5
Highlyhead	9.45	4.6	9.46	4.9
London	5.13	5.13	5.13	5.13
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Leith	1.15	4.9	1.26	5.0
Liverpool	11.03	6.2	10.32	6.2
London	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57
Margate	10.62	4.2	11.13	4.2
Millford Haven	4.85	5.9	5.23	5.9
Newquay	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Oban	4.42	3.3	5.07	3.2
Penzance	3.23	4.7	3.52	4.7
Portland	5.24	1.5	5.51	1.7
Portsmouth	10.34	3.7	10.34	3.7
Shoreham	10.09	5.2	10.26	5.5
Southampton	9.57	4.0	10.16	4.1

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Australia \$	2.52	2.20
Austria Sch	21.50	20.40
Belgium Fr	63.40	60.20
Canada \$	2.225	2.115
Denmark Kr	11.50	10.90
Finland Mk	7.47	7.07
France Fr	10.17	9.67

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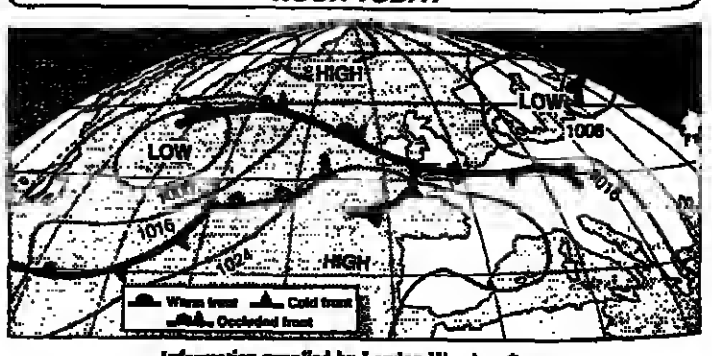
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

Be'nest	f	17	63	Garnsey	lg	13	5
B'ingham	r	14	57	Inverness	c	14	5
Blackpool	s	15	59	Jersey	d	14	5
Bristol	r	14	57	London	r	13	5
Cardiff	r	14	57	Manchester	c	13	5
Edinburgh	r	12	54	Newcastle	r	12	5
Glasgow	c	14	57	P'ndu	i	16	6

NOON TODAY

Information supplied by London Weather Centre

ACROSS

- 1 He spreads the word to the heathen during Torpids with difficulty (12).
- 8 What a heavenly cast! (3-4).
- 9 The dollar was ahead, then collapsed (7).
- 11 A comparatively recent article in the Roman church (7).
- 12 Governor and bishop seen hanging around liquor shop (7).
- 13 Relative better at home than out (2-3).
- 14 You have to be reasonable to combine fashion with taste(4,5).
- 16 A surprising cry for the celebrated romancer to utter (5,4).
- 19 Fool about in the sand (5).
- 21 Put back in right plane after changing (7).
- 23 What my darling was for ever dashing about at tupefully (7).
- 24 Shakespearean maid who returns in the guise of Circe (7).
- 25 Old Greek poet in current Dynasty (7).
- 26 The ceremonial keys to the park are kept in this (12).

DOWN

- 1 Like a royal residence, it repels one of taste (7).
- 2 Fail to keep fit? (7).
- 3 Silver company with minor trouble about the best use of land (9).
- 4 Platforms for the great Cham - Boswell's contribution (5).
- 5 Writer's devil (7).
- 6 Little ladybird in sea water pool (7).
- 7 It's used to waterproof what sounds like a top-hole club (8-4).
- 10 What sort of horsepower does this auxiliary motor have? (6,6).
- 15 Bird hears the cat's on holiday (9).
- 17 Paper (or paste) maker (7).
- 18 This member is horizontal by the window (7).
- 19 Cantenance as drawn up in Moscow, perhaps (7).
- 20 Venetia represents simplicity (7).
- 22 Arms may be held in this position for the track (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,389

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Hong Kong \$	12.97	12.27
Ireland P	1.143	1.083
Italy Lira	2,286	2,093
Japan Yen	245	231
Netherlands Gld	3.445	3.295
Norway Kr	11.23	10.63
Portugal Esc	236	225
South Africa Rd	5.95	4.95
Spain Ptas	209.50	199.50
Sweden Kr	10.65	10.10
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.41
USA \$	1.679	1.589
Yugoslavia Dnr	10.60	9.90

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Retail Price Index: 101.9

London: The FT index closed down 21.3 at 1737.0

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 24.40 at 2447.75

TUESDAY JUNE 23 1987

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1737.0 (-21.3)FT-SE 100
2244.6 (-21.5)Bargains
45310 (40214)USM (Datastream)
191.57 (-0.08)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5980 (-0.0180)W German mark
2.9419 (-0.0130)Trade-weighted
71.8 (-0.7)Crowther
bid for
Brinkman

John Crowther Group, fresh from last week's \$38.5 million deal with McColl Partners, has signed a \$57 million (£35.4 million) deal to buy LD Brinkman, the largest US distributor of floor coverings.

The combined deals give Crowther, one of Britain's fastest-growing textile groups, a significant presence in the floor covering distribution market in the US.

The Brinkman acquisition is conditional on certain US regulatory filings. Crowther said yesterday it has a 58 per cent backing from the principal Brinkman shareholders.

Net assets of Brinkman on completion of the deal are estimated at \$29.4 million. Crowther shares rose 3p to 220p.

Saatchi link

Saatchi & Saatchi, the world's biggest advertising agency, is to merge two of its New York subsidiaries, Dancer Fitzgerald Sample (DFS) and Saatchi & Saatchi Compton, to form an agency with US billings of \$2.3 billion. The new agency will be called Saatchi & Saatchi DFS Compton. *Tempus, page 24*

Whitcroft up

Whitcroft, the textiles, building supplies, lighting and property group, achieved record pre-tax profits in the year ended March at \$9.1 million (£7.3 million) and is paying a final dividend of 7p, making a total of 10p (8.4p) for the year. *Tempus, page 24*

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2442.68 (+21.83)
Tokyo	Nikkei Dow	24640.35 (-647.77)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	9131.19 (-34.45)
Amsterdam	Amst. 100	303.6 (-6.2)
Sydney	ASX 100	1774.6 (-24.1)
Frankfurt	Frankfurt	1689.3 (+30.9)
Brussels	Brussels	4703.0 (+28.3)
Paris	Paris CAC	401.9 (+1.3)
Zurich	SIX	327.0 (+8.0)
London	FT 100	2244.6 (-21.5)
FT 30	FT 30	1737.0 (-21.3)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

ICI	1483p (+45p)
Eleco Holdings	150p (+13p)
Volex	361p (+15p)
Aynsley Metals	52p (+13p)
Brit Aerospace	549p (+16p)
ML Holdings	773p (+21p)
EIS Group	341p (+13p)
Anglia TV	491p (+20p)
Thames TV	479p (+30p)
Reed Int	195p (+14p)
James Beattie A	175p (+23p)
House Of Lorena	385p (+73p)
Cygrove	303p (+34p)
Colson Int	125p (+18p)
Rea Brothers	125p (+18p)

FALLS:	
Marna Devel	419p (-31p)
Cons Gold	98p (-2p)
Charter Corp	420p (-20p)
Prices are as at 4pm	

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	9%
3-month interbank	9.5-9.75%
3-month eligible bills	8.75-9%
buying rate	
US Prime Rate	8.75%
Federal Funds	6.75%
3-month Treasury bills	5.65-5.84%
30-year bonds	10.75-10.8%

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
\$1.5980	\$1.5980
£1.5980	DM1.9000
£2.9419	SwFr1.5250
£2.9419	FFr6.1365
£2.9419	Yen145.85
£2.9419	Index122.5
£2.9419	SDR1.788735

GOLD

London Fixing:	
AM \$443.60 pm \$438.00	
price \$437.75-438.25 (273.75-274.25)	
New York:	
Comex \$435.70-436.20	

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July)	pm \$19.15 (\$19.00)
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TSB in £220m
takeover
Financial services firm
says yes to offer

By Joe Joseph

The Trustee Savings Bank yesterday announced it is offering £220 million cash for the Target Group, an unlisted financial services company specializing in unit-linked pensions, life assurance and unit trusts.

The recommended bid marks a key step in TSB's plan to expand its British life assurance and fund management activities and to become a heavyweight in the area of financial services. It also goes some way towards answering speculation about how it intends to invest its growing cash pile.

Further purchases within the insurance sector are not being ruled out.

TSB's acquisition of Target, which will continue to operate separately under its own name, will also help TSB live more comfortably under the polarization rules contained in the new Financial Services Act. These prevent banks selling both their own and rivals' insurance products to customers simultaneously.

Target distributes its products primarily through professional independent intermediaries.

The takeover comes as Target was close to announcing its intention to seek a stock market listing. The offer al-

ready has the backing of more than 55 per cent of Target's shareholders. Target is currently owned by a group of institutions, its own employees and other private shareholders. Morgan Grenfell, which owns just under 20 per cent, has already assented to the bid.

Sir John Read, TSB's chairman, said: "As we have frequently stated, TSB's strategy is to build a strong presence in growth sectors of the financial services market. Target will make a significant contribution to this, with its well established position in the

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independent intermediary market, excellent reputation in pensions business and strong management team.

"It will complement the existing, very successful life assurance and unit trust business of TSB Trust Company. Sir Peter Parker, Target's non-executive chairman, said: "We're delighted in Target."

And Mr John Stone, managing director, said: "Joining the TSB Group will provide Target with the stability and capital to enable us to further our ambitious expansion plan, in particular to take full advantage of the forthcoming

changes in the life assurance and unit trust market, both through organic growth and, where appropriate, selective acquisition.

Asked if the acquisition fulfilled TSB's ambitions in the insurance sector, Sir John replied: "Not necessarily completely, but it's certainly a good move."

But Sir John dismissed speculation that TSB may be interested in a slice of Hogg Robinson, the travel agency and insurance broking group, whose Stock Exchange listing was suspended yesterday morning amid speculation that the company is about to announce a major restructuring.

TSB, which is preparing to receive the second payment under its staged share flotation in September, approached Target three weeks ago. It has no shares in Target at present. It is offering 41p in cash for each ordinary Target share, valuing the company at £220 million.

A further £7 million is payable if all outstanding executive share options are exercised.

Target has grown rapidly over the past five years and the directors are forecasting pre-tax profits for this year of at least £10 million.

Sterling below \$1.60
as fall gathers pace

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound's slide gathered pace yesterday as it dropped below \$1.60 for the first time for three months. The Bank of England stepped in to support sterling, although dealers said the intervention was modest.

Sterling's weakness again dragged down government stocks, which fell by about 1½ points. Index-linked stocks, significantly, rose by approximately half a point, as fears of higher inflation persisted in the City.

In the money markets, rates again hardened, as hopes of a reduction in base rates from the present 9 per cent gave way to fears of a rise. The key three-month interbank rate, rose by ½ of a point to 9¼-9½ per cent.

Dealers said the pound's fall was partly due to the unexpected strength of the dollar. In addition, with the election out of the way and the Bank of England having earlier demonstrated its reluctance to see sterling rise above

DM3, the only direction in which to test sterling is downwards.

"I don't think these moves are justified at all on the economic fundamentals," said Mr Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel. "There is a short-term bubble for the dollar, with Japan and West Germany buying dollars and selling sterling."

The pound fell by 1.8 cents to \$1.5980, and by two pence to DM2.9386. The sterling index dropped by 0.7 of a point to 71.8.

Later in New York, the pound was trading at \$1.5925. The dollar, which closed at DM1.8410 in London, up 1.3 pence, gained further to trade at DM1.8440.

"As so often in the past, these moves can become self-fulfilling," said Dr Paul Cherkow, currency economist at Hoare Govett. "If the Bank of England is not decisive in establishing a down-

side for the pound as well as a top, then there could be problems.

"If the market thinks that it can sell sterling with impunity then there may have to be a rise in interest rates. That has been the history of Mrs Thatcher and monetary policy."

Indications from dealers were that the Bank of England's intervention in the market was no more than a smoothing operation to slow the pound's fall. There was no sign that the Bank was attempting to establish a floor for the pound.

The authorities appear to be willing to allow the pound to soften to some degree, aware that a robust defence of sterling at this stage could result in an early return to the difficulties they were facing just a fortnight ago, when the pound's strength was threatening to force too rapid a reduction in base rates.

Economy growing robustly

The British economy grew by a robust 1.3 per cent in the first quarter, official figures showed yesterday. Gross domestic product was 3.3 per cent up on a year earlier.

The latest growth figures, which put the average measure of gross domestic product some 18 per cent above its trough in the first quarter of 1981, indicate that growth has continued to proceed at around a 3 per cent annual pace.

The three measures of GDP, from which the average is taken, showed different growth rates, as is normal. The output measure rose by 0.9 per cent compared with the previous quarter, but was 4.2 per cent up on the first quarter of last year.

The expenditure measure showed rises of 1.7 and 2.6 per cent respectively, while the income measure was up by 1.3 per cent on the quarter, 3.1 per cent on the year.

There have been important changes in the composition of growth. In the first quarter, the most striking development was that, while exports held roughly stable in real terms, there was a sharp fall in imports.

The 5.8 per cent real fall in imports in the first quarter — in 1980 prices, imports of goods and services fell by £1.2 billion — would, on its own, have been sufficient to produce the rise in expenditure-based GDP which occurred.

Import substitution, rather

than strong growth in domestic demand, appears to have been the main feature of the economy in the first quarter. Consumers' expenditure rose by only 0.3 per cent.

There has also been a major shift away from Britain's earlier reliance on North Sea oil as a source of growth.

In the first quarter, the output measure of GDP excluding oil was up by 4.5 per cent. North Sea output declined by 0.5 per cent compared with a year earlier.

Inflation for the whole economy, as measured by the GDP deflator, was subdued. The deflator, at factor cost, rose by 0.9 per cent compared with the previous quarter, to stand 3.3 per cent up on a year earlier.

Surprise £143m price tag for prestige St Paul's site

Japanese buy home of the FT

By Cliff Feltham

Bracken House, the stately red brick building which rests in the shadow of St Paul's Cathedral and has been the home of the *Financial Times* since 1959, has been sold to a Japanese development group for £143 million cash.

The amount being paid for the building stunned many City property experts who thought it would have fetched no more than £90 million.

The building was put on the market by Pearson, publishers of the *Financial Times*, as part of its planned move to switch printing to Docklands.

The purchasers are Ohbayashi Europe BV, the European holding company of the Ohbayashi Corporation of Japan, a leading development and contracting group.

Under the terms of the deal, the *Financial Times* will remain in the building until December 31, 1989, occupying it rent free until December 31, next year.

Pearson, which at one time was

considering developing the site itself, was delighted with the price. It moved into Bracken House, considered to be a masterpiece by the architect Albert Richardson, immediately after it was finished. The building stands in the books at £17.5 million.

A large number of potential purchasers had expressed interest in acquiring Bracken House, which is considered to be in one of the most prestigious locations in London.

Pearson confirmed yesterday that it is now looking for another building — preferably in the City area — for the editorial, advertising, and other staff who will not be moving to the new Docklands centre. The cost of the move to Docklands and the redundancies involved is £70 million.

The 200,000 sq ft Bracken House site, although ideally located, has been criticized as inefficient and unsuited to modern technology and offers considerable potential for redevelopment.

The only problem is that, although it is not a listed building, there could be

opposition from City pressure groups wishing to curtail any widespread reconstruction because of its proximity to St Paul's.

Among the City experts surprised at the price being paid was Mr Robert Ringrose of Phillips & Drew. He said: "It is a fantastic price. The Japanese appear to be paying something like £668 a square foot against an average of about £400. It is a very good deal for Pearson."

Mr David Shepherd-Cross, a partner at the property agent Savills, said: "It is a remarkable price, particularly when you consider that it is a very sensitive site and any development could be hampered."

But Miss Judith Huntley, property analyst at the broker Kleinwort Greaveson, was not surprised at the price. "Demand is great for City space with office rents going up 65 per cent-70 per cent a year. It is a lot of money but the Japanese are acquiring a prime site. The amount they are paying is an indication of what is happening on the City property scene."

500,000 inquire about stake in airport management group



Pathfinders: Sir Norman Payne, BAA chairman, (left), and Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, yesterday

BAA sale calls
for tenders on
1,000 shares

By Ray Heath

More than 500,000 potential investors in BAA, formerly called the British Airports Authority, have asked for details of the flotation of the airport management group, which is expected to be valued at well above £1 billion under the terms of the Government's sell-off, which began in earnest yesterday.

Unless the stock market slumps before July 16, when applications for shares have to be in, the enormous interest shown by small investors should assure huge demand for the 500 million shares on offer.

Yesterday the Secretary of State for Transport, Mr Paul Channon, launched the pathfinder prospectus for BAA.

The prospectus showed that shares can be applied for in two ways. Investors can apply for a minimum of 150 shares at a fixed price — a low level which reflects the Government's identification of BAA as a stock for advancing its wider share ownership policy.

The alternative, which is directed at institutions and large private investors, is to tender for a minimum of 1,000 shares. Institutions which have agreed to take up 25 per cent of the issue have agreed that their shares can be clawed back to meet the demand for the tender offer. The amount of stock to be made available for small

shareholders has not been finalized.

Payment for the shares under both methods will be in two instalments. The first to be made by July 16, when applications close, and the second by May 19, 1988.

The will be no striking price in the tender offer. The available shares will be allocated in full at the price tendered, in descending order.

The two tier structure is seen in the City as a tacit admission that previous privatization issues have been underpriced, although this was denied by Mr Channon.

The unique structure could prove to be the most controversial aspect of the sale. The City will be watching to see what effect it will have on the opening prices when dealings begin on July 28. If institutions tender for the full 25 per cent available, at the price they were prepared to pay in the after-market, the possibility of a buoyant start to dealings is reduced.

The prospectus contained no profit forecasts, but analysts estimate that the company is set to make between £140 million and £145 million at the pre-tax level in the current year, against £124 million last year.

Estimates of the fixed offer price centre on 220p, which would give the shares a historic p/e ratio of about 13.

Six secret
probes on
'insiders'

By Colin Narborough

The Government is conducting six secret probes into suspected insider dealing, and is seeking to establish confidential investigations as the norm in its fight against City malpractice.

To give real clout to its legislation against trading shares on privileged information, it also plans to reintroduce abandoned parts of the Criminal Justice Bill that would double the maximum jail sentence for insider dealing to 15 years.

Whitehall officials said yesterday that Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, in his previous Cabinet role of Secretary of State for Trade and Industry authorized nine investigations since June last year under the Companies Securities (Insider Dealing) Act 1985.

Prior publicity and other considerations of public interest forced the DTI to announce three of the cases, involving specially appointed inspectors provided for in the Financial Services Act.

These were the cases of Mr Geoffrey Collier, the former executive at Morgan Grenfell, British and Commonwealth, and alleged leaks of market-sensitive information by civil servants at the Office of Fair Trading.

The DTI yesterday declined to name any of the other cases subject to insider dealing probes, saying merely that five cases involving inspectors. The inspectors, armed with tough new powers, became available only last November under the Financial Services Act. The remaining four cases are being investigated by civil servants, which was the norm before the new legislation.

A DTI spokeswoman said the Government preferred to conduct its investigations confidentially.

ICI poised to sell Stauffer's
speciality side for \$625m

By Alexandra Jackson

Imperial Chemical Industries is to sell the speciality chemicals division of Stauffer Chemicals, its recent acquisition, to Akzo America for \$625 million (£389 million).

It bought Stauffer Chemicals for £1.69 billion, plus associated debts, earlier this month in a move of considerable strategic value to the group. Stauffer had been put up for sale by Unilever following the latter's \$3.2 billion purchase of Cheesborough-Ponds, the US consumer products group, last December.

The main attraction of Stauffer to ICI was its agrochemicals division which turns over \$450 million a year, more than half of which is in the United States, an increasingly important market for the British company.

The purchase of Stauffer considerably strengthens ICI's

position in the agrochemicals industry, promoting it from sixth to third in the world agrochemicals market.

The rest of Stauffer, which has approaching \$1 billion of sales, is involved in basic and specialty chemicals. Stauffer's specialty business, include high performance lubricants and flame re-

tardants, petrochemical catalysts and additives for synthetic rubber manufacture.

As part of the same strategy, ICI is contemplating the sale of Stauffer's bulk chemicals business. Market sources believe that this could fetch over \$300 million and expect some news on this front within the next couple of months.

Mr Ronnie Hampel, the

main-board director of ICI with special responsibility for the Americas, said yesterday: "We never regarded the basic and specialty chemicals businesses of strategic importance as, although there were some overlaps with our existing businesses, neither fitted very well."

"Our gearing falls from 40 per cent to 35 per cent. The pressure has now been taken off and we can now take time to review the agrochemicals business and make clear plans for the restructuring which will be necessary for us to bring together our world-wide interests."

The decision to put the Stauffer specialty division up for sale must have been made easier by the fact that Akzo had been a fellow-bidder for the whole of Stauffer Chemicals.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Saga Petroleum finds oil in Barents Sea

Saga Petroleum, Norway's largest oil company, announced yesterday that it had found traces of oil under the Barents Sea in the high Arctic. The announcement rekindled speculation that some of the world's richest oil and gas reserves might be found in an area, which for years has been the subject of persistent if low-key jurisdictional disputes between Norway and the Soviet Union.

Norwegian government and industry scientists have carried out an ambitious geological charting programme this year, using a caesium magnetometer to identify the various rock formations on the 135,000 square kilometres (52,125 square miles) of seabed.

Drummond up to £1.7m

Drummond Group, manufacturers of worsted suitings — and formerly known as Stroud Riley Drummond — raised pre-tax profits from £1.3 million to £1.7 million last year. Turnover rose from £23.2 million to nearly £26 million. The results show an extraordinary debit of £590,000, reflecting the cost of legal expenses involved in litigation concerning the supply of faulty yarn. The shares fell 18p to 208p.

Vietnam's new bank

Vietnam will set up its first commercial bank under communist rule next month. Japan's Kyodo News Service reported yesterday. Kyodo said the bank would be capitalized at 500 million dong (about \$875,000) and establish its headquarters in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) in early July. The bank will handle personal savings, extend loans to individuals and enterprises, and issue stocks.

Wyndham expands

Higher profits and plans for a takeover were reported yesterday by the Wyndham Group. Profit, before tax and extraordinary items, rose from £189,000 to £229,000 in the year to March 31. There is an extraordinary debit of £1,000 (compared with one of £150,000 last time), being the costs of the successful offer for John Williams of Cardiff. Net turnover expanded from £2.22 million to £3.32 million. The total dividend is maintained at 1.8p a share.

Wyndham has conditionally agreed to acquire Buffonier, a recently formed company, for about £1.32 million in ordinary shares and cash. The assets of Buffonier comprise certain investment properties and building land in East Anglia and about £600,000 in cash.

STOCK MARKET

Gilts and equities dip as confidence dries up

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Government securities were beating a hasty retreat on the stock market yesterday, worried that overseas investors are preparing to pull their funds out of Britain.

Losses at the longer end stretched to £1½ and gilts have now fallen by as much as £5 since the election result. Dealers have given a warning that the worst may be yet to come.

Only last week, domestic fund managers were full of confidence, bracing themselves for a tidal wave of foreign money which had been expected to flood into London in the wake of Mrs Thatcher's election victory.

But it has failed to materialize and investors are now rushing to cut their losses.

Mr Stephen Lewis, an economist at Phillips & Drew, the broker, said: "A lot of the optimism has been dispelled. Profit-taking has occurred among short-term holders who were sitting on five-point gains and now face losses of five points on their portfolios."

Mr Lewis says that the American and Japanese investors have not been talked into shifting their funds into Britain. He commented: "If anything, the foreigners are converting their sterling into the US dollar. That's not good news for both the pound and gilts."

Gilt yields are now edging towards 9½ per cent and it will require a steadier pound before any sustained rally in the gilt market can be contemplated. Yesterday, the Bank of England made a half-hearted attempt to slow the pound's slide against the dollar.

Mr Lewis said: "That doesn't look good and will be taken as a signal by the market that the authorities do not

mind letting the pound drift lower."

The equity market was also in the doldrums, continuing to drift on lack of support. The falls accelerated after hours with the FT 30 Share index closing at its lowest level of the day, 21.3 points down at 1,737.0, while the FT-SE 100 lost 21.5 points to 2,244.6.

Read International, the paper, packaging and publishing group, continued to go from strength to strength, adding a further 35p to a peak of 630p, as more than 11 million shares changed hands. Mr Leslie Carpenter, Read's

chairman, was moved to say the group "had not received any bid approaches."

Dealers reported heavy US buying of the shares on Friday and reports during the week-end suggested that First Bank of Boston, the US investment bank, had been bidding in

institutions 600p a share for stock outside the market. It was thought that First Boston may have been acting for Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, the US publisher, currently the target of a £1 billion-plus bid from Mr Robert Maxwell's BPC.

Two newcomers got away to an impressive start. Elga, a water purification equipment company, started life in the main market at 115p, compared with the placing price of 95p and advanced steadily to

close at 125p — a premium of 30p.

Stanco Exhibitions Group, meanwhile, which fits out exhibitions and was placed on the Unlisted Securities Market at 20p, through Jacobson Townsley, opened at 31p and closed with a premium of 17p at 37p.

A recent star performer, Marina Development, the boat and leisure company headed by Mr Roberto Aisheit, the shares of which have risen by more than £3 since a consortium led by Local London Group, the property developer, announced it was bidding 125p a share, finally succumbed to profit-taking and closed 30p lower at 420p, after 395p.

Speculators seemed content to take profits ahead of today's preliminary results, but if the figures are accompanied by the widely talked-of acquisitions, the shares should soon regain their upward momentum.

After an early rise of 12p to 172p on speculative buying, dealings in Harold Ingrams, the knitwear group, were suspended, pending an announcement. Since Mr David Wickens acquired a near-29 per cent stake in the company last year and installed Mr Walter Dickson, a former managing director of Mars Confectionery, as chairman, the market has been waiting patiently for developments.

It now looks as though the long-awaited acquisition or asset injection is imminent, which could see the company more than double in size and the share price advance accordingly.

Martin Ford, the women's clothing retailer, advanced by 12p to a new peak of 171p as speculation intensified that Mr Gerald Ronson is about to inject some cash and property

TEMPUS

Saatchi link smooths the American way

The market has had two worries about Saatchi & Saatchi — its growing exposure to the dollar and the proliferation of American agencies.

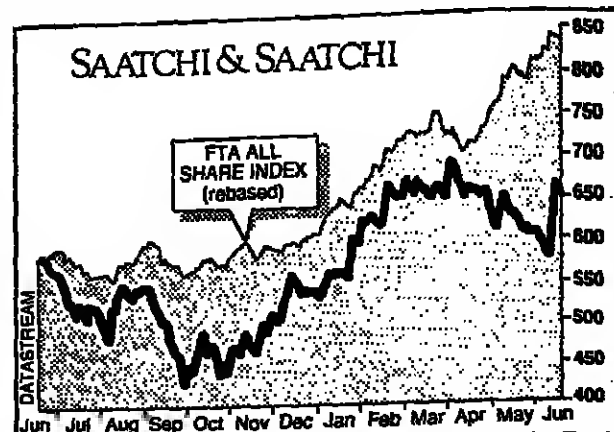
While little can be done about the weakening dollar, restructuring of the US operation has been alternately rumoured and feared since Ted Bates was acquired a year ago. To advertising, the ultimate people's business, both the clients and staff will need sensitive handling for a merger to succeed.

Clients will not be happy to see a combined agency handling its competitors' accounts alongside its own, and staff have to get along if they are to work well together. The merging of two agencies can, therefore, be a protracted undertaking.

To smooth potential ruffled feathers among staff in Saatchi's latest merger, there will be joint chief executive officers for the New York agency and the worldwide network, one from each of the merged businesses.

Among clients, the only potential area of conflict is Toyota and the American Motors account. The latter is expected to remain with the Detroit office, where it will be separate from Saatchi & Saatchi DFB Compton, which is handling Toyota. So far, so good.

Wall Street is looking for further rationalization of Saatchi's US agencies with strong rumours that Backer and Spielvogel, with billings of some \$500 million, will



merge into the Ted Bates network.

Supporting such a move are arguments that Bates, which is strong outside the US, has considerable weaknesses in its New York agency. Backer and Spielvogel could inject fresh creative impetus and stronger management.

The share price has been badly hit by worries about Saatchi's election performance. At 640p, the multiple is an undemanding 14.2, a discount of about 12 per cent to the market.

Whitecroft

Whitecroft, which failed in its bid for Elco Holdings last year but still sits on a 12 per cent stake, is clearly preparing for a fresh bid.

After a disappointing performance in the previous year, Whitecroft has just turned out a 25 per cent pretax profit increase to a best-ever £9.1 million, now

shows gearing of only 11 per cent, against 33 per cent, and believes it can maintain the pace.

Whitecroft still likes Elco, and is watching with interest that company's moves along roads on which it is often a fellow traveller, though under City rules its hands are tied on a bid until September.

Meanwhile, the group is advancing on the textiles and lighting fronts and, although there were disappointing returns from building last year, it expects a stronger performance this time.

The interest charge (£1.1 million against £433,000) should be lower this year and the rewards of recent expenditure on core activities should come through to the bottom line. The building division, held back in the first half by moving costs, is almost back on form.

If Whitecroft continues to shake off its dull image, the shares, now 32½p, should only go better.

ICI plays its cards right

Growing by acquisition is normally faster than growing organically, but it rarely allows a company to buy exactly what it wants when it wants.

Grasping opportunities as they present themselves is the secret of many companies' success, but so is being decisive enough to discard cards which still enhance the player's hand.

ICI earns top marks so far for its treatment of Stauffer Chemicals. At first glance, it looks inconsistent to sell a specialty chemicals concern when ICI's stated objective is

to add higher-margin "effect chemicals" businesses. But the agrochemicals operation first caught ICI's fancy and all that Stauffer calls specialty chemicals is not what ICI calls specialty chemicals.

Moreover, the price for the whole — about \$1.9 billion including debt — was on the high side. Now it looks more manageable and will be even better if the commodity chemicals interests are sold in the next few months for about \$300 million.

On pretax profits of about \$50 million, the agrochemicals business was purchased

on an exit p/c of at least twice the market's multiple. But ICI has plans to reduce costs and by this route to boost profits usefully.

ICI has made it clear that it does not expect 1987 earnings to be diluted by more than a couple of per cent and expects them neutral or slightly enhanced in 1988.

This deal should underpin investors' confidence in the continuing drive to enhance the quality and spread of ICI's earnings and makes it less likely that the Stauffer deal will have to be financed by the market.

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Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
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Amstrad	5,900	Fisons	959	Rank Hovis	885
Anglo	2,400	Gen Accident	585	Redland	646
ASDA-MFI	3,000	GE	8,300	Reckitt Colman	182
Ass Br Foods	201	Globe IT	72	Reed Int	14,000
BET	591	Globe IT	72	Reutera	930
BTR	5,800	Grands	795	RMC Group	171
BAT	1,600	Grand Met	988	RITZ	610
Barclays	913	GUS 'A'	170	Rowntree	760
Bata	576	GUS 'A'	170	Royal B of Scot	324
Bentham	5,800	GUN	1,100	Royal Ins	2,200
Blue Circle	543	Guinness	3,900	Saatchi	505
BOC	1,100	Hanson	2,500	Sainsbury (A)	735
Boots	2,000	Hawker Siddeley	2,400	Seas	9,500
BPB Ind	90	Hilldown	1,000	Sedgwick Gp	2,400
BPC	2,500	Imp Chem Ind	3,800	Shell	2,000
Br Aerospace	3,500	Jaguar	529	Smith & Nephew	1,900
Br Airways	2,500	Ladbroke	1,400	STC	2,700
Br Comm	825	Land Securities	1,400	Stan Chart	214
Br Gas	10,000	Legal & Gen	129	Storehouse	1,000
Br Petroleum	11,000	Lloyds	933	Sun Alliance	457
Br Telecom	9,900	Lombard	1,000	Tarmac	1,100
Britoil	6,000	Marks & Spencer	3,500	TSB P/P	5,800
Bunzl	1,800	MFC	852	Tesco	1,000
Burton	3,900	Midland	3,400	Thorn EMI	1,300
Cable & Wireless	3,400	Nat West	1,300	Tratagar House	1,700
Canbury Schwep	2,100	Next	875	Trusthouse Forte	2,200
Castle Virella	360	P & O Dird	132	Ungate	42
Con Linen	4,900	Pearson	1,100	Unilever	258
Cons Goldfields	921	Pickering Bros	829	Utd Bescoits	1,100
Cookson Gp	289	Plessey	10,000	Wellcome	181
Courtauld	263	Prudential	415	Whitbread 'A'	2,000
Dow Corp	2,200	Rural Elect	6,500	Woodward	694
Dynon Gp	3,100				

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Caledonia to reduce B&C stake in £327.5m deal

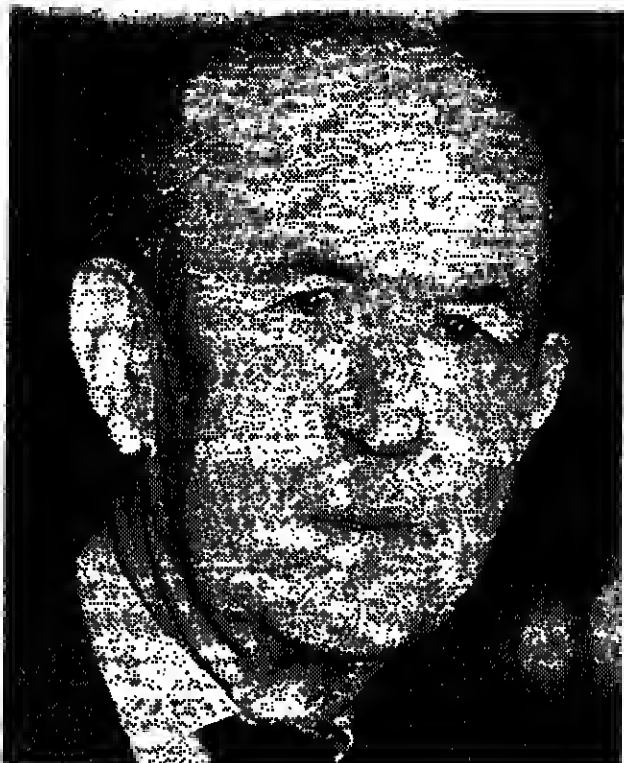
By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Caledonia Investments, the financial vehicle of the Cayzer family, is to withdraw all but a small proportion of its long-standing investment in British & Commonwealth Holdings, the former shipping group which the Cayzers helped to form more than 25 years ago.

In a complex deal announced yesterday by the two companies, Caledonia's 31.3 per cent stake in B&C will be reduced to 4.9 per cent. B&C is to pay Caledonia £327.5 million for its stake over three years, with the B&C shares valued at roughly 475p.

The deal is structured to leave B&C, headed by Mr John Gunn, free of any large single shareholdings, and the number of Caledonia directors on the board will drop from five to three. Caledonia intends to invest the proceeds of the deal in property investments, industrial projects and special situations, similar to the current investment style of B&C.

Mr Peter Buckley, nephew of Lord Cayzer, said the deal was designed to benefit both companies and had been reached by mutual co-operation. It had been necessary to find a way for Caledonia to withdraw from B&C before it ran into capital gains tax problems when its holding in the company fell below 25 per cent. He said that if B&C continued to expand at its



Lord Cayzer, thought to be one of the richest men in Britain, is believed to be one of the richest men in Britain. The break-up value of Caledonia is probably in the region of £1 billion.

The move is a significant step for the Cayzer family, much of whose fortune is tied up in Caledonia. Lord Cayzer, now approaching the age of 80 and still chairman of Caledonia, is believed to be one of the richest men in Britain. The break-up value of Caledonia is probably in the region of £1 billion.

Lord Cayzer's grandfather, Charles, launched the Clan Shipping line in 1878, which formed the foundation of the family's wealth. In the 1930s, however, the Cayzers began to diversify out of shipping into other financial ventures, leading to the formation of B&C out of the merger of Clan Line Steamers and Union Castle, another large shipping concern. The company, in which Caledonia held a 49 per cent stake, was then worth £28 million.

The B&C investment represents 90 per cent of Caledonia's assets, most of which will now be employed elsewhere. The 4.9 per cent remaining in B&C is worth more than £60 million. The stock market welcomed the news, marking up Caledonia's shares 34p to 361p and B&C shares 12p to 463p. B&C will put the scheme before its shareholders at the annual meeting tomorrow.

Mr Gunn, chairman of B&C, said the plan benefited B&C shareholders by enhancing earnings per share in future years. Although there would be no effect in 1987, the company estimates that earnings per share in 1988 will be 10 per cent higher than if Caledonia had not sold its stake.

Under the deal, Caledonia will receive £100 million in cash and new cumulative preference shares in return for its ordinary shares. The preference shares, which will carry rates of interest varying from 4.38 to 6.57 per cent, will be redeemed in annual instalments between 1988 and 1991.

British Coal to replace grants

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

British Coal has won two large industrial contracts and has announced that it will use its own resources to replace the coal conversion grant scheme which the Government is to end on June 31.

Under the scheme £50 million of Government grants have attracted £400 million of new business to British Coal and from July onwards British Coal will offer potential customers a total package geared to their precise needs.

British Coal will use its experience to cut through European Economic Community red-tape to get the maximum benefit from the EEC grants and interest schemes available. Contracts will be tailored to payments for deliveries are geared to when coal is actually burned rather than unloaded into storage.

The coal conversion scheme was initially administered by the Department of Trade and Industry and then taken over by the Department of Energy. It was intended to end two years ago, but was extended to help restore confidence in coal after the miners' strike.

The two contracts will use industrial quality coal from pits worked by the Union of Democratic Mineworkers in Nottingham, or from open-cast pits operated by members of the Transport and General Workers' Union. British Coal said it was coincidence rather than design that the coal would not be produced by the National Union of Mineworkers.

The larger of the two contracts is to supply the Caledonia Paper company, a subsidiary of a Finnish group which is setting up a paper mill near Irvine in Ayrshire. It will use 175,000 tonnes of open-cast coal over five years and when fully operational will consume electricity produced from Scottish coal.

The second contract is to supply the Guinness brewery in north London where plant converted to burn oil in 1968, after 32 years of coal operating, will be reconverted. The coal will come from the Nottingham fields at the rate of 23,000 tonnes a year.

COMMENT

More players but less glitter in gilt-edged

There are a lot of unhappy people in the gilt-edged market just now and not merely because of yesterday's dismal performance of gilt prices. The original band of 27 has shrunk by one, but that may only be temporary. After October, the number could well have jogged up again to 30 or even more, raising the spectre of yet higher competition among market-makers. The Bank of England's view appears to be, the more the merrier. Its prime concern is a deep and liquid market. It has said that it will consider all new applications for dealerships on their merits.

Lloyds, the first market-making casualty since Big Bang, was clearly miffed to find that the Bank had no intention of favouring British operators in the market. On the contrary, the Bank's interests lie in bringing in strong foreign houses to extend the investor base of the gilt market. Among the Japanese houses, Nomura and Daiwa look the most likely to apply for licences this autumn. They were kept out last time because of wrangles with the Japanese authorities over restricting the entry of British financial services companies into the Tokyo market. This year the atmosphere is distinctly warmer and new applications are likely to be treated with more favour by the Bank.

The Japanese houses have, after all, enormous placing power in a little tapped market. At present, a mere £3 billion of gilts (roughly 3 per cent of the market) is held by Japanese institutions, compared with some £350 billion of US Treasuries. There is little reason why gilts should not find a larger audience in Japan, just as there is little reason why the 50 or so institutions which regularly buy and sell gilts in Tokyo should not be greatly extended.

If Nomura and Daiwa can promise this, the Bank will be delighted. It has al-

ready rapped the knuckles of several market-makers for doing too little retail business. Whether more dealers spell disaster for some existing traders is a moot point, however. Apart from the Japanese, several US houses such as Morgan Stanley are also likely to apply. On the evidence of the US investors already in the market, no one is likely to be given a blank cheque to buy up market share. In any case, no one seriously expects to make money out of dealing margins in gilts. The real money is to be made on position taking and for most of this year the market has been kind. There are few market-makers who cannot have made profits of some sort.

The question is simply: what sort? Lloyds did not withdraw from the market primarily because of dealing losses last year, though admittedly these were fairly substantial. Rather, it could not see a way of making the 17 per cent return on capital it says it wants on all operations. Perhaps the bank should have realized this before it started, but at least there is no shame in its retreat.

Talk in the market about which houses are having problems repeatedly throws up several familiar names. Messels, which recently took over the name of Shearson, its owner, is said not to be a happy ship, while US management style in some other British broking houses has caused problems. Meanwhile, Morgan Grenfell and Kleinwort Greaves have apparently lost a lot of their market share.

Whether or not other houses pull out, the market is developing towards a number of specialist players profiting from niche positions and several large houses willing to accept a low return in order to offer clients a wider service. That is entirely in keeping with the Bank of England's aims. Ensuring that all market-makers are able to line their pockets is not.

TSB starts off on target

The stock market is no great lover of cash mountains as GEC has discovered at some cost to its reputation over the past few years. So it turned out to be for newly floated TSB. Since the shares came to market last autumn, they have underperformed substantially while institutions pondered the sky-high price reached in first dealings and sat on their hands waiting for it to come back to levels which looked sensible as a long-term investment. Yesterday's £220 million purchase of the Target group was a welcome start at making some inroads into the £1.3 billion proceeds of the flotation. But at what price?

TSB appears to be paying fully for a company which made only £4.9 million last year. A handsome price indeed, even though Target is growing rapidly and expects to make £10 million in the current year. At first glance it would appear that there will be a little dilution, but financially, this is hardly an acquisition likely to excite investors. Hence the lukewarm market reaction of a 1p rise in the group's share price. It will not be possible to take a balanced view of the long-term prospects for TSB until it has deployed a far greater portion of the cash mountain.

Strategically, TSB's first foray on the acquisition trail has a good deal to commend it. Target justifiably claims to have a high standing with financial intermediaries doing business with what are called these days high-net-worth individuals; in plain English this is the rich and the upwardly mobile. Target's inclusion in the group will help to counterbalance the cloth cap image of a

good deal of its business throughout the country.

Target's range of products, unit-linked pensions, unit trusts and residential mortgages are well packaged for the wealthy market it aims to serve, hence a much higher than average growth rate in a fast expanding market. Insurance was the most obvious area for acquisition. The City rumour machine has already linked TSB with companies such as Sun Life and Pearl, though these rumours appear to have had more to do with Sun Life's desire to escape the clutches of its largest shareholder, the Transatlantic group, than with TSB's own corporate development plans. The Target purchase is a preferable enhancement of the group's insurance operations than either of those rumours which have the added complication of industrial-branch assurance in the case of the Pearl and possible polarization problems in the case of Sun Life.

But for the sake of TSB's market rating, the next steps will be the important ones.

The acquisition programme needs to address a number of factors. Not the least of these is the need to build a branch network in the opulent pastures of South-east England to complement its strong presence in Scotland and the North, where economic growth rates are likely to remain subdued for the foreseeable future. Then perhaps the addition of a merchant banking and corporate finance capability. At that point, TSB will begin to merit a market rating that matches its long-term potential.

Bankers seek new dollar role

From Bailey Morris
Hamburg

Leaders of the most powerful Western banks yesterday concluded that there must be a fundamental shift in the role of the dollar if the present system of floating exchange rates is to survive.

Citing the broad misalignment of currencies, officials of the 100 largest Western banks yesterday examined a new list of proposals to reform a monetary system they described as unsustainable.

These included a dramatic Japanese proposal for a new international currency mechanism to supplement policy co-ordination among the Group of Seven nations.

To reduce the dollar's role

as the world's reserve currency, Mr Toyoo Gyohten, Japan's vice-minister of finance, proposed the creation of a huge international reservoir of financial assets, both to alter the money supplies of the big economies and to influence the price of their currencies.

Bankers predicted there could be another realignment of the European Monetary System in less than three months. Concern was also raised over Third World debt, after the decision of Citicorp to raise provisions against loan losses.

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, West German finance minister, on the eve of unveiling a new budget, indicated he would press for more expansion of his slowing economy.

He described the West German DM50 billion (£17 billion) tax reduction programme as an important contribution to international economic growth, but said he faced internal opposition over the resulting rise in public debt.

Officials at the three-day meeting of the International Monetary Conference here agreed to agree that recent wild fluctuations in exchange rates have convinced banks of the need for fundamental monetary reform. This was seen as an important shift of opinion over the last two years.

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Amex gives warning about danger of world recession

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The dangers of a world recession starting over the next four months are high, American Express says in its *Amex Bank Review*, published yesterday.

Fiscal policy will not be expanded enough this year to offset the slowdown in world growth, the review says.

"The risk of a world recession in the next four months is considerable," it says. "A crisis in the United States caused by a renewed dollar collapse and higher interest rates, or a fall in the Japanese stock market triggering declines elsewhere, could easily upset confidence."

The dollar is predicted to fall to DM1.50 and ¥120 this year, in spite of efforts by the

leading countries to stabilize its value.

American Express is also gloomy about the prospects of a significant medium-term reduction in the US budget deficit. It is forecast to decline from \$182.5 billion (£114 billion) this year to \$172 billion next year.

But it is predicted to rise again to \$175.5 billion in 1989 and \$195 billion in 1990. Insufficient action has been taken to cut back the structural budget deficit, and the high interest rates necessary to attract foreign funds to the US will swell the costs of financing the deficit, the review says.

The economists at American Express concede that any additional fiscal expansion

undertaken now will not begin to have an impact for at least six months. There is, therefore, scope for a further monetary policy easing in the short term.

But there is a danger, the review says, that monetary policy will become ineffective if interest rates cannot, in practice, be pushed lower. And this may be the case with Japan and West Germany at present.

The overall prescription is for the world economy to be given an expansionary nudge by the surplus countries. Britain has been quietly refloating since 1983, according to American Express, and there is a strong case for other countries to follow suit.

Borland falls to \$4.7m but outlook is brighter

By Alexandra Jackson

Despite Borland International, the American computer software house, producing annual pretax profits for the year to the end of March down from \$8.7 million (£5.47 million) to \$4.7 million yesterday, the shares dropped by only 5p to 205p.

Turnover slipped 8 per cent to \$27.1 million. A final dividend of 1.25 cents is recommended, making a total of 2 cents for the year. Borland started 1986-87 well but high marketing and development costs ahead of the delayed marketing of new products conspired to depress profits.

News of these problems became apparent at the beginning of the year and the shares fell sharply to a low of 92p.

But since then the market has been enthused by encouraging news about new business software products such as Turbo Basic, Turbo C and Eureka.

The president of Borland and its major shareholder, Mr Philippe Kahn, said yesterday: "Borland is having a tremendous first quarter. We are expecting operating profits for the three months to the end of June to be ahead of last year's first half of \$2.6 million."

Mrs Jane Ancombe of Barclays de Zoete Wedd is forecasting \$15 million for the current year and earnings per share of 14.4 cents. This is assuming a \$1.61 exchange rate and the launch of the promising business product, Sprint, in the autumn.

How the mighty have fallen

Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American arbitrator, awaiting sentencing in August, has offered his services to one after another of the 130 charities, projects and good-cause groups under the umbrella of the giant United Jewish Appeal in New York, and has been turned down by them all. Boesky, who is said to have lost a stone in weight and allowed his famous mop of silver-grey hair to grow below his collar, finished a two-year term as fundraising chairman of the New York branch of the UJA just a couple of months before his insider dealing scandal broke. Over the years Boesky has donated huge sums to the charity whose services range from the care of handicapped and underprivileged children to meals on wheels for the elderly. "He wanted to do a service job in a hospital or old people's home, but they turned him down," says Ernest Michel, who runs the charity - prompting some cynics to suggest that Boesky is trying to ingratiate himself with the sentencing judge. Meanwhile, Boesky still visits his plush Fifth Avenue office where all but two of his 160 direct "holdings" to brokers have now been disconnected.

Bosses go loco

Working on the assumption - probably correctly - that every company chief executive at one time dreamt of being the driver of a steam train, British Coal has enlisted the help of the record-breaking LNER class 4 steam loco-

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

New jewel for crown?

Could it be that Gerald Ratner, the dynamic chairman of jewellery group Ratners, is turning his acquisitive attentions to America after being spurned by Combined English Stores? Ratner had a fast car waiting after yesterday's annual meeting at London's Churchill Hotel to whisk him and his cousin, deputy managing director Victor Ratner, to Heathrow where they boarded

motive Sir Nigel Gresley to entice Britain's business bosses to see for themselves how coal can be used in modern industry. The locomotive, hauling a 10-coach exhibition train displaying the latest coal-burning technology, left Marylebone station yesterday for a two-week tour taking in 10 big industrial areas from Glasgow to south

Wales. The cost of the operation - including live music from the Grimsby Colliery Band - will work out at about £50,000, less than a couple of prime time TV adverts. And by a happy coincidence, the colliery which supplied the high-quality steam coal for the LNER, Rossington pit in Yorkshire, is still in operation and providing 9 tonnes a day for the gleaming 50-year-old loco.

● America's very own Lady Di - or Diana Lady Douglas as she is otherwise known - is in London at the moment on official business. Diana, an independently wealthy woman, is here in her capacity as the American State Department's Co-ordinator of International Communications and Information Policy. An award-winning television film producer, she has also gone down in the history books as the first non-British woman to become a "name" at Lloyds.

Busy days at Rover

If you were thinking of buying a new Rover 2000 car this August, you could be in for a disappointment. *Times City Diary* reader Alan Lloyd ordered one eight weeks ago, at a cost of £13,000, from a garage in London's East End and has now been told he will not get one in time because Hertz, the car rental firm, has placed a single order for more than 1,000. Lloyd, who has since reluctantly ordered a Japanese car, says: "You can't buy a Rover car for love nor money." All very annoying for Lloyd but it could mean good news is on the way for Rover Group's shareholders. "Our Longbridge plant in Birmingham is working flat out, we have recruited more staff, but demand is simply greater than supply," a spokesman for the company tells me. "It's very unfortunate but there are bound to be one or two disappointed customers." Following an advertising campaign last Christmas, production of the Rover 2000 has risen from 1,550 a week in January to almost 2,000 a week now - with Rover claiming an increase of total vehicle sales worldwide of 20 per cent over last year.

● Juke boxes, those beloved remnants of the 1960s, have been dragged into the 1990s. The world's first compact-disc juke box, operated by lasers, has just gone on sale. Complete with 60 CDs, giving a selection of up to 1,000 tracks, it will cost you about £3,500.

Carol Leonard

GEC gives guarantee on Plessey

By Joe Joseph

GEC yesterday ended speculation about its blocked bid for Plessey when it gave an undertaking to the Office of Fair Trading that it would not acquire more than 15 per cent of its telecommunications rival.

GEC's £1.2 billion bid for Plessey was hocked last August after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission decided that a merger would damage competition in the British defence electronics market.

The MMC sought an undertaking from GEC that it would neither proceed with its bid nor build up a stake of more than 15 per cent in its target or any of its target's subsidiaries.

A spokesman for Plessey said: "The announcement appears to us to be nothing more than the standard form of undertaking that a company in GEC's position would be required to give after what happened last year."

He was unsure whether GEC held a stake in the company and said he did not know why it had taken so long to give the necessary assurances.

A GEC spokesman said it had not bought any Plessey shares during the bid last year and was unaware of any purchases since then.

The Office of Fair Trading said there was no significance in the time it has taken GEC to complete the formalities. A gap of one-and-a-half to two years was not uncommon.

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Amstrad's new PC on the way

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Amstrad is now expected to make its new personal computer range, announced earlier this month in the US, available in Britain next month. Originally, Alan Sugar, the chairman of Amstrad, said the new computers would not be available here until next year. The PC 1640 contains a bigger memory, better graphics and higher resolution monitors. In the US, prices start around \$800 (about £500). No British prices are yet available though the company has hinted that it wants to keep a reasonable price differential between the new range and the current PC 1512, which starts at around £550, to keep a market for the old range.

EEC warning

Two big Japanese electronics firms, Toshiba and Sharp, have said they will voluntarily control their portable personal computer exports to the EEC at current levels to avoid friction between Japan and Europe. The two companies account for about 40 per cent of the top computer market in western Europe with Sharp putting its portable sales at 4,000 and Toshiba at 12,000 for the first three months of this year. The United States has imposed 100 per cent punitive tariffs on Japanese portable computers as part of its

sanctions against Japan imposed in April over the semi-conductor trade dispute.

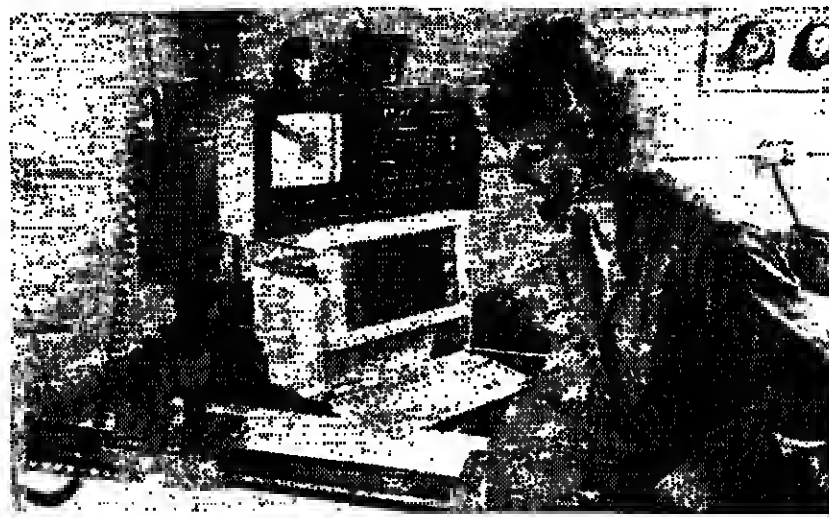
The EEC is now concerned that Japanese makers may divert their products to Europe. It has warned that it will impose 100 per cent retaliatory tariffs, in case the European personal computer industry suffers damage from Japanese imports.

Half-hearted

Commodore has done what could be described as "a bit of an Amstrad" with the announcement of a cheap desktop computer based on the CP/M operating system. CP/M, also used on Amstrad's PCW word processor, is an old but robust operating system which, though not IBM compatible, can handle many basic programs. It is something of a half-hearted attempt to invade Amstrad territory, however, as the new machine, which includes a second processor to handle Commodore 128 and 64 software, adds up to £500 with 256k of memory. And as that price doesn't include a printer or any software, Amstrad should have little to fear.

Apple appeal

Despite the amount of time devoted to desktop publishing — and an impressive TV advertising campaign by Apple, the originators of the concept — managers remain unconvinced about its merits according to the *Business Computing and Communications* magazine.



A survey of 2,000 managers revealed that many believed there were as many drawbacks as advantages with moving to DTP.

While many saw DTP as likely to improve corporate image and increase customer satisfaction, as many believed it could increase paperwork and associated costs. Almost half thought DTP would not improve the corporate control of documentation, while a third thought it would actually reduce it.

Red sales

This summer the United States is likely to relax further its rules restricting sales to China of key technology with possible military use. US officials said after talks with their Chinese counterparts last week. Washington is now reviewing restrictions on the sale of advanced technology to communist countries, which in recent years have been steadily eased in the case of China.

Cherry's voice

Speech recognition systems have yet to take off in any big way; keyboards are usually faster, prices cheaper and the limited vocabularies can cause problems in everyday use. Where they have been useful is in specialist areas where a "hands free" operation is required, and like the much of the rest of the computer industry prices are still falling. The latest system comes from Cherry Electrical (05827 63100) which, for a mere £720, provides VoiceScribe, promising to recognise up to 1,000 words with an accuracy of 99.3 per cent. Each word to be stored in the system, which is usually speaker-dependent, has to be repeated four times, which produces a pattern that comprises a combination of the four repetitions.

This has also been the case with other recent findings of superconductivity at this and other research centres. Production of wire or other conductors that allow electricity to pass with no loss of energy would revolutionize the distribution and handling of electric power and computers. Until a few months ago, superconductivity was achieved only by cooling certain alloys to the extremely low temperatures dependent on refrigeration by liquid helium. A number of laboratories are now racing to achieve a practical superconductor that does not need extensive cooling. They are exploiting the recent discovery that ceramics containing exotic substances become superconducting at temperatures far higher than those previously recorded. As in other recent research efforts, the new mixture contains yttrium, barium and copper oxide but it also contained fluorine.

Monsteroous

Sharks are literally biting into the new fibre optics telecommunications business at an enormous cost per bit. The cost of a disruption in such lines across the Atlantic could run into hundreds of thousands of pounds a minute.

Rapier on a single bite into a fibre optic cable can cost as much as £150,000 and a week's worth of time to send a ship across the ocean to find the cable, haul it to the surface and replace the glass strands inside.

Shark bites have caused costly failures in at least four segments of the new TAT-8 fibre optic system capable of transmitting 40,000 conversations simultaneously. The TAT-8, the first trans-oceanic fibre optic cable, is being built to carry computer and voice communications between the Britain, France and the US. The sharks are attracted by an electrical field which the large fish confuse for food.

Fujitsu first

Fujitsu, a leading Japanese computer maker, will become the first Japanese semiconductor maker to commercialize GaAs (gallium arsenide) integrated circuits this autumn. Fujitsu is to offer 150- and 400-gate GaAs gate arrays. It has also started manufacturing computer chips for Fairchild Semiconductor of California, for sale in the US.

The company planned to take over Fairchild in March but the bid failed because of opposition from US officials, citing security concerns.

The production involves 32-bit microprocessor units and semi-custom made integrated circuits (LSIs). Fujitsu and Fairchild are the world's leading manufacturers of such LSIs.

Phone link

A system for interconnecting personal computers with existing telephone lines was patented last

week by AT&T. Called the Startan Local Area Network, the system is said to permit more than 100 personal computers to share their operations. The patent covers transmission with office telephone lines and modular telephone plugs, rather than coaxial cables, which are reported to be expensive and bulky. Spare telephone wiring, such as the twisted pair kind, is to be used. Such wiring is said to be available in most office buildings. According to a company spokesman, local area networks based on the patent are already in use under license in the US, Canada, Japan and Europe.

Hot stuff

Researchers at a Michigan company have reported that they had evidence of total loss of electrical resistance at a record high temperature of 90 degrees Fahrenheit. But the superconductivity, announced by Energy Conversion Devices, occurred in only a small component of the test material.



"Apparently, the system supervisor made a New Year's resolution to throw something at it every time it crashed"

A rough ride ends

DEMAND
By Dennis Dwyer

Demand for computers in the US is beginning to improve after a rough two to three years, according to specialist analyst, William Easterbrook, vice president of US stock-brokers Kidder, Peabody.

But the glory days of an industry growth of 20 per cent each and every year have gone he says. Growth over the next four to five years will be slower and more volatile than over the last 35 years.

Speaking in San Francisco, Mr Easterbrook said US computer manufacturers' revenues are at \$150 billion worldwide, of which 20 per cent is service revenues, 10 per cent from software, and the rest from hardware — computer systems, processors, discs and monitors.

"We expect annual growth over the next five years to be 10 to 12 per cent worldwide, with the US rate of growth at the lower end and non-US at the higher end of the range. I do not believe that the multi-billion dollar computer corporations will ever again grow by 15 per cent consistently per year."

Mr Easterbrook described the first factor in his forecast as a 'declining price elasticity of demand'. "Over the period 1950-1980 the average price of a total computer system went down 15 per cent per year; the average demand for such units went up by 40 per cent or more, giving about 15 per cent of revenue growth."

"What will slow the industry down is that the average price is going to come down faster in the last five years it has declined at about 20 per cent annually, and in the next 5-10 years it may go to 25 per cent."

This is due to the increased pace of technology. If a company wants to maintain a revenue growth of 15 per cent it will need 60 per cent more volume each year. That is what many of the multi-billion corporations have not been able to solve" says Mr Easterbrook.

Describing the second negative factor as 'small is beautiful, or down-sizing' he said that many users find that the 'bang for the buck' or performance relative to price they get from a small or medium sized computer system is now often as good or better than from a large mainframe system.

"These implications may not change growth at the revenue line, a broad based supplier like IBM still may

have the same revenue but it does have a profitability impact. Because of the less proprietary technology in the small to medium systems there are lower margins and lower profits."

Mr Easterbrook said the third negative element in his forecast is the increasing volatility of revenues and earnings, caused by the market becoming more saturated — there are not many companies who have not yet put payroll or inventory control on a computer — and by a major structural change in the industry.

As an example of this he explained that in 1974, when 74 per cent of IBM's revenues came from rentals and services, there were probably no more than 15 large corporations that could make, assemble and market computer systems. Now there are literally thousands and IBM's rental base strategy is now running at about 5 per cent of revenues.

On a more positive note, Mr Easterbrook said the US computer industry right now represented a good investment potential, due mainly to the consolidation which has taken place within companies and sectors in the recent years.

Only half are real survivors

"Since mid-1986 and through to the end of this year, IBM's domestic employment will decline up to 15,000 out of a total of 240,000 — that has never happened before."

"Control Data's personnel level has declined by about 40 per cent in the last two-and-a-half years. When Burroughs and Sperry combined to form Unisys in September last year there were 125,000 employees; by the end of this year there will be 90,000."

"Four years ago there were 55 companies making 5 1/4 in. rigid disc drives for storage. Now there are about 12, and of those only half are credible survivors."

"This consolidation, or shake out phase is close to being over and has very positive implications for profitability. Companies now are much leaner and meaner than they have been probably ever in their histories."

Mr Easterbrook's third reason for optimism, is that several independent surveys in the past two months had forecast a modest improvement in demand for computers from US domestic users — one from McGraw Hill suggested an expenditure rise of 28 per cent this year.



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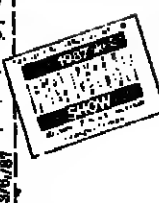
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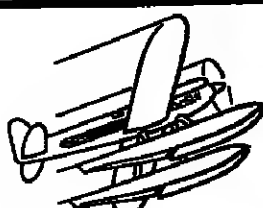
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THE TIMES/DEC SCHNEIDER COMPETITION

Five quiz winners at the race

The five winners of The Times/DEC Schneider competition were among the guests on the Isle of Wight at the week-end for the Digital Equipment Company's Schneider Trophy air race - Europe's biggest.

They saw the trophy won by 28-year-old Andrew Brinkley, of Meppershall, Bedfordshire, flying a Cessna 180 at an average speed of 162 mph.

The winners, pictured left to right on the airfield at Bembridge where the race began and ended, are Peter Kewley, Alison Moreira, Jill Neill, Jane Wilson and Leslie Gonzalez. Each was presented with a holiday voucher worth £1000.



Why operations managers are still in demand

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

ing a gradual decline in computer operations, may be a cause for concern in some data processing circles.

Once, data input was on forms transposed on to punch cards and paper tape. Then came data entry on to magnetic tape, but the tapes still had to be loaded, work schedules produced and processing controlled.

Now, it is direct data input, on-line terminal information and automated operations procedures.

Despite this, there remains a demand for operations staff.

It may be thought that operations is easier and that some systems do not even require operators - the Honeywell DPS 6 is an example - yet operators are still used.

It is said that operations is a dead-end job, yet a good proportion of today's data processing managers have an operations background.

"If there is going to be a demise, it will be long-term; at least 15 years before anything dramatic happens," said Gary Allen, himself a former operator and now a director of Apex Computer Recruitment.

"Companies always need someone to look after the hardware, provide user support and produce operational reports. In fact, the market for operations staff is very buoyant at the moment and there is a lot of activity, especially in the financial sector."

According to Raj Patel, head of the data processing section of Landsdown Recruitment, there is less need for operations staff. "Barring large installations, operations has a diminishing role and the demand is not as great as for programmers and systems people."

"Ten years ago operations

was a demanding job. Now that the technology has bettered itself and people generally are more at ease with computing, so there is a lessening of operations needs and fewer prospects for operations managers."

However, the computer industry overall continues to grow and large installations continue to expand. It means continuing career prospects in operations and potential for further advancement beyond the position of operations manager.

It all depends on the individual's own background and capability.

"Later in a person's career, operations management can be seen as a dead-end job."

said Adrian Fisher, executive consultant at ASB Recruitment. "But operations managers are usually good at man, as well as machine, management. This means they can often move into general management or roles such as technical support."

One thing is sure. Operations can be a good way into a computer job for younger people, especially if they are lacking some of the higher academic skills needed for programmers and analysts.

One or two O-levels are usually sufficient and the pay, including shift allowances, can be quite good for youngsters aged 18 upwards, at £5,000 a year with 30 to 40 percent shift allowances; this can increase up to £12,000 basic or more as a shift leader.

Commonsense, personality and the ability to work as part of a team, are important.

Progress is often good and promotion can come early in one's career.

Operations managers are now earning from £10,000 up to £30,000 (plus company car) and occasionally £30,000 to £35,000 in Central London. However the norm outside London is about £16,000.

"Look for companies that are expanding," says Gary Allen. "It will enable you to expand with them. New areas are opening up in data centre management, systems and, increasingly, communications which present new opportunities for operations people."

"Apart from moving into general management, some operators go on to contract," says Adrian Fisher.

"Increasingly, there are opportunities to work abroad - Kenya and Saudi Arabia are two recent examples. The pay is generous too," he says. "Salaries can be in the order of £25,000 to £30,000 plus accommodation. There are also tax advantages."

One bonus factor is that operations managers often turn out to be the best people-managers. Perhaps that is because there is less pressure on them to perform head down, as with systems and programming people, and they have more time for human communications.

Mr Allen adds: "Operations staff are some of the happiest people in data processing."

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HORIZONS

A guide to
job opportunities

Mixing with the mandarins

Briefing the Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs before he flew to Japan to press Britain's case for better access to Japanese markets. Accompanying Mrs Thatcher to Moscow to provide support for British companies hoping to win orders for big capital projects. Assisting the Secretary of State in coming to a decision on whether an export licence should be granted for Van Gogh's "Sunflowers".

These are just three matters with which administrators in the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) have recently been concerned.

The DTI has three main responsibilities: the sponsorship of manufacturing industries, including the new technologies, as well as major parts of the service sector, such as financial services, publishing and the distributive trades. Secondly for international trade and exports; and thirdly the regulation of many aspects of business, including company law, insolvency, competition and consumer affairs.

Administrators spend much of their time dealing with the outside world, with all sides of industry and commerce, with City institutions and consumer bodies. If they work for the export or overseas policy side, they travel regularly to

If a future in the fast stream is what you are looking for, the DTI probably holds the key. Joan Llewellyn Owens looks at the many possibilities this department has to offer

two years to two or three different jobs, working alongside a principal. The aim is to give early experience of a range of activities and to test them as to their ability to respond intellectually and in terms of personal qualities.

There is also a structured training programme. An HEOD is soon eligible for promotion to principal, with a personal area of responsibility, several staff, and the necessity to deal with difficult, often politically contentious issues.

Life is less pressurized for the executive officer, who will probably stay in a first job for two years. However, the DTI hopes to get young graduate executives through at least a couple of jobs in the first four years. If they do well, they can apply to transfer to the fast stream, and all entrants with good potential have an opportunity to join the management development programme. They will not be "air-lifted up the promotion ladder", but speed of progress will depend on how they perform.

Marianne Neville-Rolfe is a fast stream administrator, who joined the DTI in her late 20s as a principal (a method no longer possible). At once she was thrown into the deep end of consumer affairs, with the responsibility for a piece of legislation designed to outlaw pyramid selling. After the interested parties had been consulted, proposals were sent to the Minister, and, when approved as policy, given to the lawyers who did the drafting.

Her second job concerned policy towards the shipping industry (now transferred to the Ministry of Transport). After this, she joined the industrial development unit, whose main function is to look at applications from industries for assistance towards investment and other projects. When promoted to assistant secretary, her present rank, she spent three and a half years on the heavy end of export promotion.

This took her to Korea, Indonesia and India as sole representative of the Government, to negotiate with the governments of those countries about large purchases they might make from the UK of steel plants or power station equipment. For the last two years she has been responsible for the personnel management of the Department's senior staff.

The responsibilities of Tony Hutton are quite different. As the under secretary in charge of an overseas trade division, he covers North America, the whole of Asia including Japan and China, and security export controls.

"I believe my role is best described as one of helping the division to think clearly through the kind of problems with which it is faced," he told me. "The head of the division is very much up front in advising ministers and attending ministerial meetings."

Asked what his main preoccupations were today, he said he was concerned to pursue the UK's objectives in relation to opening up the market in Japan. "As far as the United States is concerned," he added, "it is to put across the dangers of a lurch into protectionism and the real dangers of increasing trade frictions between the US and the Community."

"A third priority is the rationalization of controls on the export of sensitive technologies. We want to make the system effective but as light as we can in terms of its inconvenience for exporters. I am also anxious to increase our trade with the US, with China and with other countries in our target area."

Mr Hutton has travelled widely for about 10 years, and normally accompa-

Individual responsibility tends to be extremely diverse

nies the Secretary of State on overseas visits. Although most of his career has been spent on the international trade side, he has also been involved with marine safety and pollution, and has spent two periods in the Private Office.

This "takes you most rapidly up the learning curve in the development of skills. As a private secretary to a senior minister, you begin to see how the whole framework fits together and you are involved with all the important issues discussed at that time."

"It is difficult not to have a sense of purpose when you are looking at the kind of problems that confront us," says Mr Hutton.

Pay may be perceived as a frustration by some civil servants, but this is to some extent compensated for by the variety and interest of a job in a department such as the DTI. Women often find it easier to go through to senior posts than in many outside organizations, and there are opportunities to work part-time - with unaffected promotion prospects - after taking time off to have children.

In the DTI there are openings for specialists such as lawyers and librarians, economists and accountants, and for science and engineering graduates in research posts, as well as for administrators.

Further information from the Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 1JP; or from DTI, tel 01-215 6078.

One aim is to provide the chance for early experience

Brussels, Paris and further afield, as well as meeting foreign customers and exporters who visit this country.

As a higher executive officer (development/HEOD), Martin Richards was until recently with the projects and exports policy division, with particular responsibility for power projects in India, which he visited in the summer of 1986. Now aged 31 and promoted to principal, he has just moved into the quality design and education division.

Within this division the industry education unit attempts to get the principles of wealth creation, economic awareness and enterprise accepted within the education system, to foster links between industry and education, and to introduce new technology into schools. It is Martin's fifth job since he joined DTI, and such varied experience is not unusual in the earlier stages of a fast stream career.

Recruitment into the DTI is organized by the Civil Service Commission. Administrators can come in as graduates or with A levels. Either can join as executive officers (or as examiners in the insolvency service). With a degree, it is also possible to go straight into the fast stream, as an administrative trainee or a higher executive officer (development), depending on age. Each year the DTI takes about 10 into the fast stream, out of a Civil Service total of some 100. Executive officer intake is demand-related, and averages about 50-70 a year. Fast stream entrants spend the first

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The post will ultimately be based at the BGS Headquarters, Keyworth, Nottingham, where some of the activities are already located. However, most of the Directorate is presently based in London, until it transfers to new accommodation at Keyworth in 1990. Meanwhile the appointee will operate between Keyworth and London.

Programmes Director

The successful applicant will develop and manage the programmes of work in Southern Britain, the objective of which is to optimise geological, geophysical and geochemical survey coverage and understanding of the geology of the region; also to provide input to the National Geosciences Data Base for the benefit of a great range of users. Duties include responsibility for research commissioned by customers outside the Natural Environment Research Council and development of contacts and collaboration with Government Departments, Local Authorities, universities, industry, international agencies and other parts of NERC.

The post is based at the BGS Headquarters, Keyworth, Nottingham where most of the staff for whom the Programmes Director is responsible are also based. In addition there are regional offices in Aberystwyth and Exeter.

The Chief Geochemist and Programmes Director are members of the BGS senior management team headed by the Director, BGS. The successful candidates are expected to be established and active earth scientists, of professional or equivalent standing, preferably with experience of administration and financial control of scientific activities.

The posts are at Grade 5 level, with a salary within the range of £24,785 to £28,215 per annum. Some assistance towards the cost of relocation expenses may be available.

Application forms and further particulars are available from: Miss L. Ashty, Natural Environment Research Council, Polaris House, Swindon SN2 1EU. Telephone (0793) 40101 Ext 328.

The closing date for applications is 22 July 1987. Applicants overseas may indicate their interest by telegram or telex, in the first instance.

The Natural Environment Research Council is an equal opportunities employer. All jobs in the U.K. are open to men and women of all ethnic groups and the Council also welcomes applications from disabled people.

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The post carries general responsibility for about 200 resident Scholars, involving frequent contact with Oxford colleges and departments, and with the selection boards in the various countries from which the Scholars come. The Warden is responsible to the Trustees for the administration of Rhodes House and for maintenance of the building and, as Secretary to the Trustees, for all matters concerned with the business of the Trust.

Further particulars of the appointment, which is open to men and women who have appropriate university experience, may be obtained from the Warden's Secretary, Rhodes House, Oxford, OX1 3RG. Applications, addressed to the Chairman, The Rhodes Trust, at the same address, must be received by July 20th 1987.

CARMARTHEN
DISTRICT COUNCILCHIEF
EXECUTIVE

Salary Range - £26,355 - £28,812 per annum, (Pay Award Pending). (Inclusive of an allowance to meet out of pocket expenses).

The Chief Executive is the principal policy adviser on the corporate management and development of the Council's services, head of the Council's paid service, and leader of the Management Team.

The Council is seeking applications from persons with suitable and extensive managerial experience at senior level.

Following appointment the successful applicant will be required to reside within the Carmarthen District Council area.

The Council has a bilingual policy, and a knowledge of Welsh would be an advantage.

Further details are available from the Director of Personnel and Management Services, Council Offices, 3, Spilman Street, Carmarthen, Dyfed, SA31 1LE. Telephone (0267) 234567 - Ext. 261.

Closing date for receipt of applications 5.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 21ST JULY, 1987.

Lothian Regional Council

Department of
Social WorkBASIC GRADE/SENIOR CLINICAL
PSYCHOLOGIST

£26,400-£18,671 (placing on scale depending on qualifications and experience)

Suitably qualified and experienced Clinical Psychologist required to improve the Department's services to people with a mental handicap.

Duties of the post include direct client contact and the provision of advice to the Department's staff on systems of assessment and care programmes.

There will be liaison with other services, including Lothian Health Board (Department of Clinical Psychology).

A professional contribution will also be made to service development through, for example, the Disabled Person's Services Consultation and Representation Act 1985.

Further information from Mr Brian Tait, Principal Officer (Rehabilitation) Tel. 031-554 4301, Ext. 310.

Application forms are available from the Administrative Officer (Personnel), 7 Shrub Place, Edinburgh.

Tel. 031-554 3987 (Answer phone machine in operation 24 hours per day)

Closing Date: 13 July 1987

Lothian Regional Council is an equal opportunities employer and will accept applications from all qualified persons regardless of race, sex, religion, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or physical disability.

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Electronics Engineers
£9,500 - £14,500+

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For further information and an application form please contact Chief Personnel Officer, Bromley Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley, BR1 3UH. Tel: 01-290 0324 (24 hour answering service). Please quote Ref. A 242.

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Further particulars from The Personnel Office, University of Exeter, Exeter EX4 40J.

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The second World Cup will have time on its side after the hard and fast sell of the first

Four-year plan for world rugby

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Auckland

The value of Rugby Union's first World Cup will be measured in many ways: in a literal way when the accounting is over, as a vehicle for emerging nations, as a stimulus for established nations who, like old and valued retainers, may now appear to have given the same advice for too long and whose playing records do not help to give them a strong voice.

Taking the financial aspect first, there has been dissatisfaction with the marketing of the tournament which has been voiced privately and publicly by rugby administrators. West Nally Overseas will admit that there have been disruptions within their own organization — just as there were within the World Cup organizing committee when the first man to be appointed as executive director had to withdraw.

They will also claim, with some justification, that there was not enough time and too many difficulties were connected with a world event being held in two countries with two hours' flying time between them, one of which had a basic rugby culture of which did not. Time, indeed, was of the essence in this tournament: when the International Rugby Football Board confirm in November that there will be another World Cup, the organizers will have four years in which to prepare for it.

Crowd figures misleading

That the tournament was a swinging success in New Zealand was due to the underlying interest the public there retains for the game and conceivably a readiness to look at rugby in a more favourable light after the traumatic events of 1981 when the Springboks toured and of 1986 when the Cavaliers visited South Africa, both of which divided the community.

In fact, a comparison of the spectators figures for each host nation is interesting because the ostensible disparity is not quite so great as imagined: a total of some 355,500 people watched 21 games in New Zealand, an average of 17,000 a match. A total of 126,000



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people watched 11 games in Australia (two at the same venue on the same afternoon), an average of 11,500.

The figures are slightly misleading because of the varying populations of the New Zealand venues compared with the big urban centres of Sydney and Brisbane, which were Australia's host cities.

"When we started we had no real idea of what the money would be, nor the quality of the teams," John Howard, the treasurer both of the Australian Rugby Union and Rugby World Cup Pty, said. "Next time it will be easier because there will be four years in which to set it up rather than two. And a number of us have gained an amount of experience which I hope will make the organization much tighter next time."

"We need a 'hands-on' situation of two or three people now to do the job and take the hard decisions. We need to decide what we are trying to do. Firstly, we want to encourage the non-International Board countries to become involved and improve their standards, which has the byproduct of increasing the development of rugby. Secondly, we want to increase the public awareness of rugby outside the major centres."

"In this country [Australia] we made a conscious decision about television, to sell the game of rugby and an overall World Cup. We make no apology for our hard sell. In that, having spent so much time in Australia, I did not see enough of the Italians, the Zimbabweans and the rest (David Hands visits). Room for Ray Nelson (USA) perhaps, or Kuisuki of Japan, Tsimba of Zimbabwe, Cutita of Italy....

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Deans: Scottish captain of the world team

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Berbizier takes the honours

Auckland — In some ways it would be more fun to select an eclectic team from the minnows of this tournament — except that, having spent so much time in Australia, I did not see enough of the Italians, the Zimbabweans and the rest (David Hands visits). Room for Ray Nelson (USA) perhaps, or Kuisuki of Japan, Tsimba of Zimbabwe, Cutita of Italy....

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oo play in this tournament, their numbers are suddenly reduced. I could argue a strong case for Matt Burke, the Australian wing who had an outstanding tournament, or John Gallagher, the New Zealand full back. Brett Papworth is included at centre for the hopes of what he might do rather than his actual achievements.

It was difficult to fill the stand-off half position because there was a shortage about the candidates; it would be tempting to consider Koroduduua on his quarter-final display against France but you would need 14 other Fijians to go with him, if

Jonathan Davies, of Wales, were to be named it would be because of what I have seen him do at home rather than his merits here.

In the back row I have cheated by moving Laurent Rodriguez from No. 8 to blind-side flanker which means no place for Alan Whetton (New Zealand) or David Cody (Australia). Pierre Berbizier, who carried an injury into the final with him and played his last game of the tournament, is scrum half ahead of the Welshman, Robert Jones, who had a remarkably good five weeks given the quality of his forwards. The Frenchman also

Select XV would be led by Scot

From Gerald Davies
Auckland

There was no better full back in the World Cup tournament than Gavin Hastings and he would be my choice in a definitive XV. Blanco bravely carried a leg because of a hamstring injury from the Romanian game onwards and was good in flashes, but Hastings looked the part in the games he played.

Kirwan, on the New Zealand wing, scored a try against Italy by running the full length of the field, avoiding one player after another in Italy's layered defence; he also squeezed in at the corner in the final. Lagisquet was a swift runner on the left but more surprising still was his clever defence.

In the centre Charvet and Sella not only proved a constant threat in midfield but each has such a superior pair of hands that they could bring out the best of any three-quarter line.

Davies, of Wales, was by far the most gifted runner and, with all those others outside him who can run, he might just feel that he could transfer the burden of responsibility to others. Inside him, not because of any national identity, Jones emerged as a player of true quality at scrum half.

He never had the quality possession of Kirk or Berbizier, yet he shone through as a strong personality, in every game he played New Zealanders were highly impressed with him.

Garnet and McDowell, who scrummaged well throughout, are my pick of the prop forwards. Dubocq has a fine scrumming technique but in a more limited time, so did Deans, of Scotland. With no Berbizier to throw in at the lineout, Deans could fulfil this job as well as carrying out the chores that will be demanded of him in the middle of the front row. I would also nominate him as captain of my team.

Lorieux had an impressive tournament, even though he suffered in the final with a leg injury. He and Gary Whetton would form the middle row of my scrum. Whetton had a supremely successful tournament.

As for the back row, a balanced combination would be required. And who could play the three positions being given to the New Zealand trio of Shelford, Jones and Alan Whetton. They were highly influential in their country's success.

MOTOR RACING

A sad retreat from Detroit for the British contingent

By John Blunsden

There was not a lot for Britain's four drivers to celebrate during their flight home yesterday from the Detroit Grand Prix, for each of them had found only disappointment on the streets of Motown.

For Nigel Mansell and his Canon-Williams Honda everything went according to plan for the first half of the race — a good start from pole position taking him into the lead which he built to more than 20 seconds over Ayrton Senna before easing back.

Then it all went wrong. Problems with the right rear wheel during the mid-race pit stop meant an 18 seconds halt instead of the usual eight. A period of excessive wheel spin was followed by extreme pain from leg cramp: to salvage fifth place was something of an achievement.

Jonathan Palmer was looking forward to giving the turbo a run for their money, until he encountered Riccardo Patrese's spinning Brabham in the opening minutes of the race. The resulting spin for a suspension repair cost him two of the three laps he finished behind the winner, in 11th place. A further nine points, taking him into the lead in the Jim Clark Cup contest for drivers of normally aspirated cars, was his only consolation.

Derek Warwick was looking very comfortable with his Arrows-Megatron only to discover on the 15th lap that the barriers and walls of Detroit react ferociously, even when hit relatively gently.

For Martin Brundle, trouble began early when he crashed his Zakspeed in the morning warm-up and had to take over last year's car. A spectacular turbo fire ended his race a quarter of the way through.

As for Senna, the winner, trouble during the opening per-

iod almost certainly turned to his advantage. For several laps his brake pedal felt soft, so he purposely took things easy until his brakes recovered.

With a heavy fuel load, this is the time a car's tyres are under their greatest stress, and his smooth pace during this spell must have contributed to the low wear rate of his Goodyears, which saw him through non-stop.

Now we return to Europe and, with fast circuits to come at Paul Ricard and Silverstone, the recent domination of the Honda-powered Williams and Lotus cars will come under an increasing challenge from McLaren, who are never at their best on street circuits, and for whom the race must be more than content to have left Detroit with third place. The real battle for the title is just about to begin.

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Jones (WA), Renault, 1hr 51min 63.8secs (153.81 km/h); 213. L. Rodriguez (FR), Renault, 1hr 51min 64.1secs (153.61 km/h); 214. M. Brundle (GB), Zakspeed, 1hr

CRICKET

Yorkshire reap benefit of Moxon's harvest as Jarvis strikes early

By Richard Streeton

HEADINGLEY: Essex, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 155 runs behind Yorkshire.

Yorkshire and Essex, second and third in the county championship when the match began, avoided serious disruption from the weather yesterday and it was the revitalized Northern side who dominated. Martyn Moxon scored his second hundred of the season as Yorkshire built a lead of 180 and they went on to capture three wickets by the close.

Essex, the reigning champions, clearly face a hard struggle to save this match. Nine overs remained when they began their second innings. In the second over Gooch moved forward to drive Sidebottom but the ball seemed to leave him and hit the middle and off stumps.

Two balls later Jarvis, bowling extremely fast, dismissed Redpath leg-before. Topley, the Oightwatchman, and Hardie both edged runs through the crowded slips before Jarvis had Hardie before to the last over.

For a long time Yorkshire's progress seemed too slow if they wanted to leave them-

selves enough time to win, remembering the unsettled weather.

The position was rectified, however, after tea when Love was joined by Hartley. These two added 87 for the eighth wicket in 17 overs and Yorkshire unexpectedly secured maximum bonus points.

Moxon, who has struck a rich vein of form recently, drove stylishly and played well off his legs as he made 104 in three and a half hours with 13 fours. Yorkshire, who resumed at 92 for two when play began 105 minutes late, were 161 when Moxon failed to beat a direct hit from Lilley at cover.

Sharp never found his timing in making 50 in 44 overs. Sharp was fourth out when he hit across the line against Topley, whose brisk medium pace served Essex oobly. He bowled virtually unchanged until half an hour after tea and his figures of three for 60 in 26 overs failed to do him justice.

There was nothing in the pitch for the spinners and Page, the South African fast bowler, was unable to find a

proper length. Topley, whose cricket has improved measurably, rose to the occasion splendidly. He followed Sharp's wicket by getting Bairstow leg-before first ball and Yorkshire lost their way a little until Love and Hartley put things right.

Essex: First Innings 151 (P Carrick 4 for 10).
"G A Gooch b Sidebottom 104
"R Gooch b Jarvis 104
"D Topley not out 104
"D Hardie b Jarvis 104
"D East not out 104
Total (6 wickets) 151

Yorkshire: First Innings 104.
"M Moxon c Jarvis b Topley 104
"A A Moxon c Jarvis b Topley 104
"R J Sharp b Topley 104
"D Love not out 104
"D Bairstow b Topley 104
"P Carrick c Jarvis b Topley 104
"A Sidebottom b Jarvis 104
"J Hartley b Jarvis 104
"P W Jarvis not out 104
Extras (b 17, lb 11) 33
Total (8 wickets) 104

Score at 100 overs: 313-7.
"D Hardie not out 104
"D Topley not out 104
"D Bairstow not out 104
"P Carrick not out 104
"A Sidebottom not out 104
"J Hartley not out 104
"P W Jarvis not out 104
Extras (b 17, lb 11) 33
Total (8 wickets) 104

Bonus points: Yorkshire 8, Essex 4.
Umpires: P A Wright and J A Jameson

Gloom is lifted by Fowler

By Jack Bailey

LIVERPOOL: Lancashire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, lead Kent by 114 runs. A beautiful wicket, warm sunshine, two hours play, and a rollicking innings by Fowler rewarded the Liverpool faithful at this picturesque Aigburth ground.

Fowler fashioned his first 1987 Championship century in fine style, following Saturday's watchful beginning by an all-out assault on the Kent bowlers. It was a grand innings on a glorious evening and it was just what Lancashire needed if they were to stand a chance of forcing victory.

Fowler's hundred came from 200 balls. But his second 50 came at almost twice the rate of Saturday's 49. He and Mendis were quickly into their stride. An early tendency to over-pitch on Kelliher's part was punished savagely. Fowler's straight driving - along the ground and in the air - sent the scoreboard clicking furiously.

Mendis, too, had been busy. He had played some delightful strokes when, with 21 added, he was well caught at slip off Kelliher. Full marks to Kelliher for this. In spite of being driven mercilessly he kept the ball up, and one was well and truly moved away to leave Mendis stranded.

A similar chance came Kent's way when the patient Varley, on 10, edged a chance to slip which was disregarded. There was no stopping Fowler. He reached his hundred by pulling Davies to mid-wicket for four and celebrated with a six in the same place, next ball. All in all, he struck two sixes and 12 fours in his hundred and he will not make many better this season.

Kent: First Innings 130 (P Patterson 4 for 15).
"A Cobb not out 130
"O Mendis c Topley b Kelliher 77
"D Varley not out 130
"D Patterson 4 for 15
Extras (b 10, lb 10) 20
Total (1 wicket, 92 overs) 130

Lancashire: First Innings 77.
"O Mendis c Topley b Kelliher 77
"D Varley not out 130
"D Patterson 4 for 15
Extras (b 10, lb 10) 20
Total (1 wicket, 92 overs) 130

Fall of Wickets: 1-137, 2-137, 3-137, 4-137, 5-137, 6-137, 7-137, 8-137, 9-137, 10-137, 11-137, 12-137, 13-137, 14-137, 15-137, 16-137, 17-137, 18-137, 19-137, 20-137, 21-137, 22-137, 23-137, 24-137, 25-137, 26-137, 27-137, 28-137, 29-137, 30-137, 31-137, 32-137, 33-137, 34-137, 35-137, 36-137, 37-137, 38-137, 39-137, 40-137, 41-137, 42-137, 43-137, 44-137, 45-137, 46-137, 47-137, 48-137, 49-137, 50-137, 51-137, 52-137, 53-137, 54-137, 55-137, 56-137, 57-137, 58-137, 59-137, 60-137, 61-137, 62-137, 63-137, 64-137, 65-137, 66-137, 67-137, 68-137, 69-137, 70-137, 71-137, 72-137, 73-137, 74-137, 75-137, 76-137, 77-137, 78-137, 79-137, 80-137, 81-137, 82-137, 83-137, 84-137, 85-137, 86-137, 87-137, 88-137, 89-137, 90-137, 91-137, 92-137, 93-137, 94-137, 95-137, 96-137, 97-137, 98-137, 99-137, 100-137, 101-137, 102-137, 103-137, 104-137, 105-137, 106-137, 107-137, 108-137, 109-137, 110-137, 111-137, 112-137, 113-137, 114-137, 115-137, 116-137, 117-137, 118-137, 119-137, 120-137, 121-137, 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Sparkling Randall brightens the day

By Marcus Williams

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire, with four first-innings wickets in hand, lead Lancashire by 52 runs. The sun shone over Trent Bridge yesterday for longer than the rain fell, a newsworthy fact in this miserable summer. It was almost as noteworthy as the cricket which meant a long day for much of the time.

There was, at least, the compensation of a sparkling innings of 83 from Randall, who is in a rich

Centre Court may get a roof

By John Goodbody

Wimbledon is again to consider having a sliding roof over the Centre Court.

With yesterday's opening day of the championships washed out by a steady drizzle, the All England club will talk about the possibility of installing such a roof, which would allow play to continue during rain.

Mr "Buzzer" Hadingham, the chairman of the club said yesterday: "We will look at every possible method of countering the weather when it turns against us. The problems are considerable. But we will be discussing the idea again."

The championships would benefit from any move to

ensure play, because it would satisfy the 14,000 crowd and television and also help with the continuity of the event. One of the problems for the All England club is that the existing partial roof would not be strong enough and would have to be removed.

In Australia, where the weather is more often sunny than in Britain, a sliding 700 tonne roof is being built for the new \$40 million National Tennis Centre in Melbourne. It will be ready for the Australian Open in January 1988, when Melbourne will be the only grand slam venue to have such a feature.

The two roof panels, each 100 metres by 30 metres, can be brought together in minutes.

The centre is designed for year-round use as an entertainment complex and will seat 15,000 people. Adjoining unroofed stands will hold 6,000 and 3,000 people respectively.

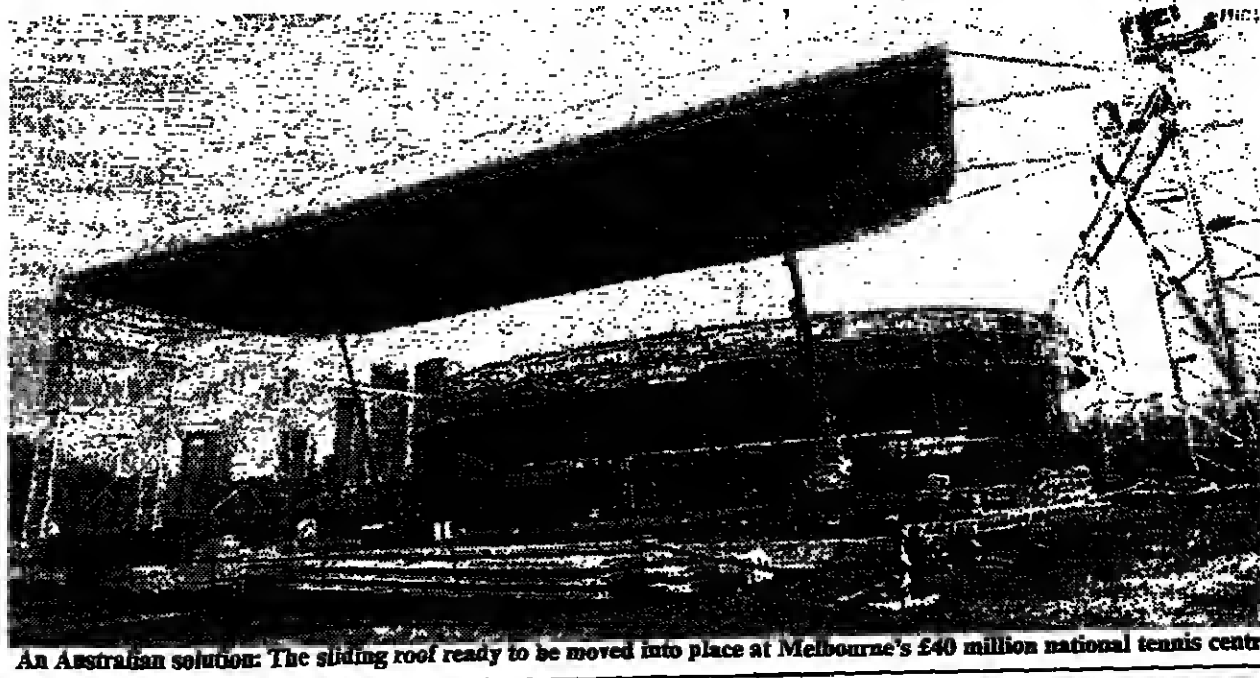
If Wimbledon were to follow the example of the Australians, the Centre Court could also be an ideal venue for other major sports events, including professional boxing, outside the fortnight allotted for the championships.

Currently all the courts are covered either with tarpaulins or with reinforced plastic. Fans blow beneath them to take off the moisture from the grass. This gives a perfect playing surface but only when the rain stops.

The 14 practice courts at adjoining Aorangi Park have no covering and the drainage system is poor. Over 30,000 gallons of water were removed last Friday.

Mats Wilander and his fellow Swede, Stefan Edberg, tried to practice yesterday morning but after slipping and sliding on the hazardous surface, gave up. Ivan Lendl, the No. 2 seed from Czechoslovakia, persevered while Boris Becker, West Germany's defending champion and No. 1 seed, used one of the three indoor courts.

Alan Mills, the tournament referee, agreed that the Centre Court should be covered. "It is a priority for next year," he said.



An Australian solution: The sliding roof ready to be moved into place at Melbourne's \$40 million national tennis centre

Botham still to finalize Queensland contract

By Alan Lee

Ian Botham and his advisers last night reacted in aggrieved and adamant fashion to a suggestion that the England all-rounder might not, after all, spend the coming winter playing for Queensland.

Botham has still not settled the details of his contract with the Australian state. Representatives of the major sponsors or involved plan to fly to England next month to conclude negotiations.

Queensland have announced their pre-season training squad without him. Australian newspapers seized

Cricket magazine banned at Oval

Surrey have refused to sell copies of *Wisden Cricket Monthly* at the Oval because of a front page headline which reads: "Bloodshed at Birmingham." Around 500 copies of the current issue were withdrawn from the Oval yesterday.

It carries a full report of England's Texaco Trophy international against Pakistan, at Edgbaston last month, which was marred by crowd violence. A young Pakistani supporter had his throat cut by flying glass.

"We are not happy with the headline, and think that cricket generally does not want the matter highlighted," explained the Surrey marketing manager, Ian Childs.

upon this as evidence that the state's coup had collapsed and their view was strengthened when a Queensland official said there had been no contact with Botham since March.

This assertion was denied by Botham's manager, Tom Byron, who explained that he had regularly been in touch with Allan Border, the Queensland and Australia captain. "I have spoken to him about six times now, including once this morning," Byron said. "Allan totally understands the position."

Botham was never expected to join his new team-mates for training as it was assumed that he would be fit from an English season. Nor is he under any obligation to play club cricket, as has been suggested, before the Shield season begins on November 13.

Although he tends to let his manager do his talking for him these days, Botham was said to be annoyed by these rumours as his winter schedule



Cricket goes down the drain: a member of the ground staff bails out at a waterlogged Lord's

Making a one-day game of the Test

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

There would be a lot to be said for England and Pakistan playing a one-day match at Lord's today, weather permitting, rather than allowing the second Test match to draw to its inevitably painful and pointless conclusion.

They will not do it, of course, but they would make more friends than they would lose if they did. In the Test match itself Pakistan have to start their reply to England's first innings total of 368.

Any prospect of play yesterday was abandoned at 4.0, by which time the ground was beginning to look like an archipelago. It was the ninth day out of nine in this ill-starred series in which rain had either held up play or prevented it altogether.

On days like this the record books get frantically thumbed for such discoveries as that the last time two full days were lost in a Test match in England was at Headingley in 1980. The 6,800 people who bought tickets in advance for yesterday, for which they had paid £71,000, will get their money refunded, as will those who paid at the gate in the hope of seeing some play.

Until an inspection of the ground has been made at 9.30 this morning the gates will not be opened, rather than for MCC members. Admission, in the event of play, will be at reduced prices.

Realizing how extraordinarily thick it had been of them to recruit Monte Lynch as one of England's two spare fielders on Saturday, the Test and County Cricket Board replaced him over the weekend with David Ward, also of Surrey.

It was insensitive because the ban slapped on Lynch in

1984 for having toured South Africa with a rebel West Indian side the previous winter runs until the end of this summer. "Perhaps in the circumstances it would have been better not to have called him up," Alan Smith, chief executive of the TCCB, said.

With the International Cricket Conference due to meet at Lord's on Friday to discuss the very issue of Englishmen, and others qualified for England, playing in South Africa, he is quite right.

Yet the fact that it was done and that the Pakistanis took no offence whatever was an indication of how happily the cricketing fraternity coexists among themselves, whatever their colour.

It is only with the introduction of politics or when the bouncers are being overdone or an umpire's decisions questioned that they get worked up.

The delegates to Friday's ICC meeting are mostly of their way. The Australian Cricket Board see it as being sufficiently important to have dispatched their chairman, Malcolm Gray, and David Richards, their chief executive, Allan Rae, president of the West Indian Cricket Board of Control, is coming, accompanied by Steve Camacho, the secretary. So are the president and secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

The seven full members of the conference and the 17 associate members will all be represented. There is also a meeting of the World Cup committee on Thursday to report on the progress being made towards staging the matches in India and Pakistan in October and November. 500000: England 368 (C W J Army 123, D C Broad 55) v Pakistan.

Bradley banned until November

Graham Bradley, the National Hunt jockey, was suspended from riding until November 1 at a Jockey Club disciplinary hearing in London yesterday. He will miss the first three months of the coming National Hunt season.

The Jockey Club stewards were not satisfied with his explanation of his riding of Deadly Going, who finished second in the Colonel R Thompson Memorial Handicap Hurdle at Market Rasen on April 20, the case having been referred to Portman Square by the local stewards.

After the two-hour hearing Bradley's solicitor, Guy Faber, said: "Graham is obviously disappointed with the result. He was considered to have made an error of judgment, which is not the opinion he shares. We felt he could explain his riding of Deadly Going and it is surprising to find we are faced with a suspension."

"The horse ran as well as he could, given all the circumstances, and Graham felt there was nothing he could have done in any stage of the race to achieve a better position. The disciplinary committee, however, formed their own opinion of the matter," Faber added.

The trainer of Deadly Going, Ken Bridgewater, was cleared of any blame but said: "I thought it was a bit harsh on Graham." Bradley, nursing a broken wrist caused by a horse rearing up at home last week, was fined £150 for a similar offence last November.

Bradley's career has been notable equally for considerable success and brushes with authority. He has won the Chesham Gold Cup and the Irish and Welsh Grand Nationals among many top races, but has recently been involved in a Jockey Club inquiry into the behaviour of trainer Barney Carley, who complained about his riding of Robin Goodfellow at Ascot last year.

Bradley was banned for two months in 1982 for betting — a cardinal offence for jockeys — and has sometimes been criticised by his retaining trainer, Mrs Monica Dickinson, for riding what she considered ill-judged races.

Mandlikova pulls out as rain puts a damper on play

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The first day of the Wimbledon championships blew a hole in the old joke about tennis interrupting rain. There was no interruption. "Vive la reine!" cried the French, who are as bad as the rest of us when it comes to puns. The rain was the gentle kind that puts a gloss on the leaves and makes things grow. It was no good for tennis. There was nobody on court.

The main news of the day was the withdrawal of last year's runner-up for the women's title, Hana Mandlikova, who has returned to Czechoslovakia for treatment to an injured foot.

The players' restaurant was packed and there was not much point in anyone recognisable moving out. They would have been mobbed by star-gazing youngsters, who had nothing else to do. There was more rain, more comfort, in the Last 8 Club, reserved for those who have reached singles quarter-finals or doubles semi-finals. They could come and go as they pleased because teenagers did not know the faces and hardly remembered the names. There was nobody on court.

The public were immensely patient and commanded more sympathy than the players, who can get it again without paying. An American chum could not believe that so many people would travel so far and pay so much to watch the rain and then go home. Back to the States, he said, there might have been a riot in such circumstances but for the American system of "rain checks". The British public paid and waited. There was nobody on court.

The guest list for the Royal box included the Duke and the Duchess of Kent, Dr David Owen, Sebastian Coe, and two Shelleys. The best known of all Shelleys would have found the right words for a day like yesterday. He was responsive to weather but no more responsive than his sister, who invented Frankenstein during a few wet days in Switzerland. Continual rain does strange things to the mind.

The likes of Boris Becker, Ivan Lendl and Stefan Edberg were all scheduled to play as

soon as rain would let them. These early, first round days are particularly tough for the more fancied players. They are always nervous until they have a match behind them. By contrast, their opponents can dream dreams of glory for a little longer. Because there was nobody on court, Becker was due to play Karel Novacek, a strong-armed Czechoslovak.

Lendl's opponent was a qualifier, Christian Sacanu, a German born within the present political boundaries of Romania: not that far from Dracula country. Edberg had to play a newcomer to the championships, a compatriot called Stefan Eriksson. But there was nobody on court.

Up in the Press room, Brian Gottfried and Ron Bookman, representing the Association of Tennis Professionals, expressed their satisfaction at Wimbledon's willingness to "consider" a change of dates, so that players would have more than two weeks to

which to adjust from the clay courts of Paris to the grass of Wimbledon. The first 14 Wimbledon were played in July, but any change in the now familiar dates would have all kinds of complicated repercussions. For "consider" read "would like to help" rather than "will".

Finally, let us savour the fact that the first round of Wimbledon — like the first round of all great tournaments — is embellished by wonderfully evocative names. Yesterday's order of play, for example, included the floral allusions of Fleur and Bloom; the verbal biots from Canter, Forget, Muster and Krick; famous associations of Nelson and Purcell versus bread-like connotations of Muller and Becker (Miller and Baker); the spicy implications of Barbara Gerken — and make what you will of Cash and Grabb, Anger and Cane.

Unfortunately, there was nobody on court. The first day has been rained off on only three previous occasions: 1888, 1903 and 1969.

Harvey names Reid as Everton player-coach

By Ian Ross

The future of Peter Reid, the England midfield player who is nearing the end of an illustrious playing career, was secured yesterday.

Reid, aged 31, has been appointed first-team player-coach with Everton, as the new manager at Goodison Park, Colin Harvey, continues to fashion his backroom staff.

Harvey, who took charge of the League champions last week after Howard Kendall resigned to join Athletic Bilbao in Spain, has moved swiftly to re-organise the club's coaching staff and is expected to complete his mini-reshuffle later this week.

Reid, who has been plagued by injury over the past two seasons, accepted the post only after receiving an assurance that he will be able to continue playing.

"I feel fit and well towards the end of last season and remain ambitious on the playing front," he said.

Newport County must find £300,000 this week, or face liquidation when they return to the High Court next Monday.

Hill looms as new target of Paris SG

Paris (AFP) — Paris St Germain, thwarted at the last minute in their attempt to sign Glenn Hoddle, the England midfield player, have turned their attentions to Luton's Ricky Hill.

Hill, aged 28, is a free agent when his contract expires at the end of this month and Francis Borelli, the Paris St Germain president, is lining up a £400,000 offer, around half the fee he would have had to part with for Hoddle, who joined Monaco at the weekend. Hill has played more than 400 games for Luton, and won three England caps.

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Becker in quest for stamping ground

By Richard Evans

Boris Becker's manager, Ion Tiriac, is in the market for an acre of grass. "I buy it," says Tiriac. His occasional lapse in grammar never dithers the meaning of what he has to say. "After what happened yesterday, it is the easiest solution."

What happened on Sunday did not reflect very kindly on British hospitality or people's understanding of the plight of the Wimbledon champion. Tiriac's British representative, Stewart Wilson, called over a dozen clubs with grass courts in the London area and was turned down by the lot. "All we wanted was one hour's practice," says Tiriac.

But until Beckenham were good enough to invite us over, everyone was too scared of what he would do to their courts. Even Queen's said no and that disappointed me. This year some of the top players deserted Queen's, but not Becker. I thought they might have remembered that."

Although damp courts are easily scared, even someone as heavy-footed as Becker is not going to destroy one in such a short space of time. But it is the narrow-mindedness of a club that would turn down the chance of letting the reigning Wimbledon champion play on its courts that is most worrying. Wasn't anyone thrilled at the idea? Didn't they regard it as a privilege?



Tiriac: prepared to pay. Apparently not, and therein lies just one small part of the problem with the game in Britain.

The only thing that British tennis has left to offer the world is Wimbledon, and if people will not offer assistance to the leading international players who come to play there, then maybe the clubs do not deserve the money that filters back to them from the profits generated by the Championships.

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Gloucestershire row

Gloucestershire, who have won the rugby union county championship 15 times, are facing possible expulsion from next season's competition over a fixtures row with Devon (a Special Correspondent writes). A letter from Gloucestershire to the Devon RFU says that their match must be played to midweek — or Gloucestershire will refuse to play.

Devon insist that the game must be on a Saturday, and have already arranged it for November 14 at Exeter RFC. Gloucestershire claim that for the last two seasons, they have been unable to select top club players due to both county and divisional commitments. The Rugby Football Union has said that if the clubs cannot agree the match must be on a Saturday.

Davies denial

Alex Murphy, the coach of St Helens rugby league club, denied that Jonathan Davies, the Welsh rugby union stand-off half, has signed for the side. Davies also denied the suggestion, but said he was unsure whether to play for Neath, his current club, or Llanelli this coming season.

Hill starts

Britain's swimming selectors have added Jean Hill to their pre-selected list for the European Championships at Strasbourg in August, following her four individual wins in the Scottish Championships last weekend. The Cumberland swimmer is assured entry in the 100m breaststroke.

Lions plea

The South African Rugby Board have asked Australian rugby union authorities to change their schedule in 1989 to allow the British Lions — who are due to visit Australia — to take part in a tour to mark the SARB's centenary.

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